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Christmas Swim Helps Disabled Adults

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

A band of brave swimmers faced the bitterly cold Atlantic on Christmas morning to benefit Helping Hands and Hooves, a Mattapoissett non-profit group that provides therapeutic horseback rides to adults with disabilities.

While 50 onlookers watched, 43 swimmers clad in bathing suits quickly ran into the freezing cold ocean at Mattapoissett town beach and then dashed out again. Each swimming participant paid \$10 and received a long-sleeve t-shirt to commemorate the event. All of the proceeds from the swim benefitted Helping Hands and Hooves offset the cost of giving horseback lessons to disabled



Above: An exhibition of color photographs from Marion resident Anne Converse will be on display at the Maser Gallery, located at the Falmouth Community Television (FCTV) building at 310 Dillingham Avenue in Falmouth until January 28. Ms. Converse's photographs reflect her deep love of the ocean and offer candid glimpses of life at sea and in Nepal. Photo courtesy of Anne Converse and FCTV.

On the Cover: A last look at the covers of 2009.

Groundhog Cover Contest

The Wanderer is once again holding our Groundhog Day Cover Contest. The winner's artwork will appear on the cover of our January 28, 2010 issue. The winner will also receive a new iPod touch.

Create an original work of art to be displayed on the cover of The Wanderer. Anything that can be displayed on the cover is acceptable, photos, drawings, paintings, etc. Entries are due in The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoissett by noon on January 15. Remember, all artwork should be tall to best fit on our cover. All entries must include a signed copy of the Official Entry Form which can be picked up at The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoissett or downloaded at www.wanderer.com. Voting will start on January 17, 2009 and end at 8:00 pm on January 25, 2009. To vote, visit our web page at: www.wanderer.com. The winner will be on the cover of our January 28, 2009 issue. Everyone who votes will be entered to win a Wanderer Groundhog Gift Basket!

adults.

Helping Hands and Hooves (HHH) director Debbi Dyson said that this was "the first year we had to shovel a pathway to the water". A blizzard the weekend before the swim had left almost 2 feet of snow in the area, adding to the chilly ambiance of a winter swim.

But still, participants had a great time at the Christmas swim, and the event raised the same amount of money as the 2008 Christmas swim. Although the t-shirts were available for sale to all in attendance, Ms. Dyson said that it's usually only the swimmers who purchase a shirt. "It's a pride thing," she said.

HHH was organized by Ms. Dyson in 2006, as a way for disabled adults to cope with their physical challenges. The horseback ride is therapeutic for disabled adults, and provides a "calming, peaceful experience."



Left: Arnold M. Johnson of Rochester was recently installed as the District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts at the fraternity's Boston headquarters. Mr. Johnson will preside over 7 lodges in the 18th Masonic District for the year. Photo courtesy of Tyler Sanborn.

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According to the HHH website, the rides provide: "therapeutic riding uses equine-oriented activity for the purpose of contributing positively to cognitive, physical, emotional, and social well-being of the individuals with special needs."

Most of the students that receive the lessons are from adult care facilities in New Bedford, and their disabilities range from Down's syndrome to being blind and deaf. "It's amazing," Ms. Dyson said, "it makes such a difference. This is one of their only social outlets." The students are taken on rides along Aucoot Cove, near the home of HHH president Julie Craig. Besides riding, the students get a chance to interact with animals, which includes brushing the horses' manes.

"They don't always get the chance to feel that free," Ms. Dyson said. "It's very empowering."

Students are given weekly horseback rides and pay for the program on a sliding scale based on their ability to pay. HHH is funded partly by a mini-grant from the United Way, but the difference is made up with the help of donations and by HHH fundraiser events.

Besides the Christmas swim, HHH holds a Beer and Wine Tasting in spring, and has a tent at the Harbor Days festival each year. Although these fundraisers gain the most money and attention for the organization, tax-deductible donations can be sent year-round to: Helping Hands and Hooves, PO Box 1315, Mattapoisett, Ma 02739.

HHH is always looking for volunteers to help transport students, help with the horses, write newsletters, and more. For more information, contact Ms. Dyson at 508-758-4717, or visit www.HelpingHandsandHooves.org to fill out a volunteer form.

As far as participating in the Christmas swim goes, Ms. Dyson watched from the sidelines. "Someone has to pour the hot chocolate!" she laughed.

Sippican Librarian Fosters Reading

By Sarah K. Taylor

The Sippican School recently hired a new librarian, Jessica Barrett. Ms. Barrett began working at the school this past August. Her work picks up where the former librarian, Ms. Marie Pimental left off after thirty-

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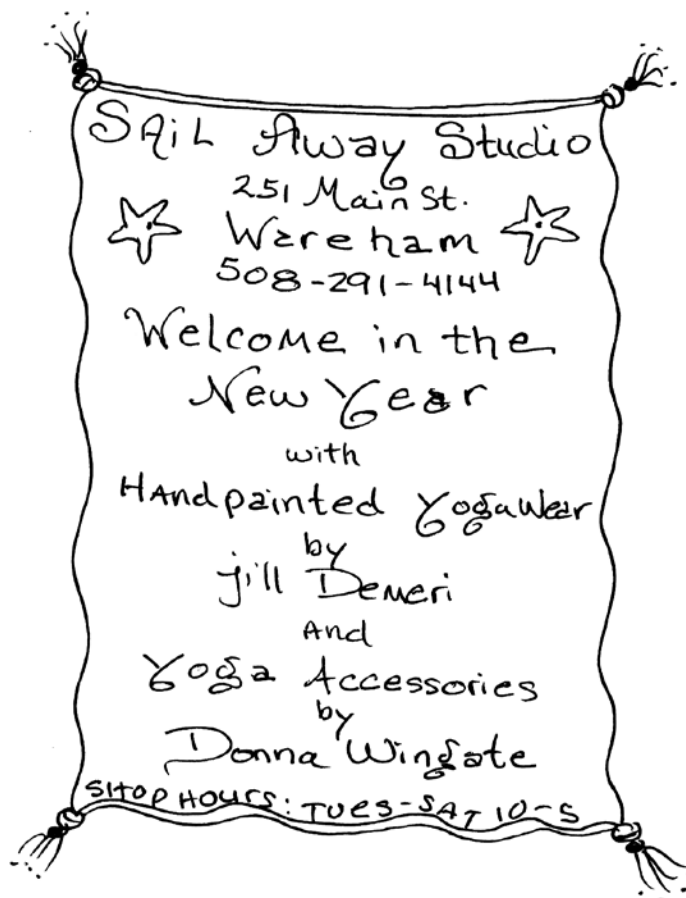
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one years at the position.

Ms. Barrett is a very interactive librarian/ teacher. The students spend forty minute periods with her each week, as well as extra time on "enrichment Friday" if they choose. During the library time, Ms. Barrett reads aloud to the younger students, in Kindergarten through second grade. The older students, in third through sixth grade, learn about research, using the catalogue, gathering specific information and utilizing the Internet.

The first fifteen minutes of each library session begin with going over the topic of the day, and the following twenty-five minutes are for group or individual activities. These activities make use of both the computers and the shelves. Before Christmas, the sixth graders



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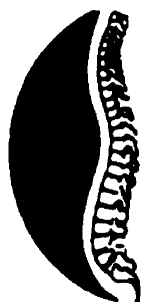


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worked on a bibliography project, which was a long-term assignment the children were able to accomplish.

When speaking about her students, Ms. Barrett seems particularly proud. She described a scenario she witnessed recently where a third-grade student of hers helped another teacher locate a book by utilizing the library system. She said, "It's so fulfilling to be working with the kids."

This is Ms. Barrett's first library position in a school. She completed her Master's degree two years ago in Chicago where she had been living and working until the job here became hers. The story of how she came to be Sippican's librarian is an interesting one. She happened to discover the school's ad and applied on a whim because the job and location seemed perfect. "This is *exactly* what I want to do," she said, even though she lived far away and already had a job which seemed to be going well. To her surprise, "I applied for the position the day before I lost my job in Chicago."

Fortunately, the stars aligned and "within a couple of days, they wanted me to fly out." The East Coast dream job also meant that Ms. Barrett and her husband would be closer to family. Ms. Barrett grew up in Central Massachusetts and earned her undergraduate degree just north of Boston.

Picking up where Ms. Pimental left off was a daunting task, considering her length of time as the school's librarian and the fact that she happened to be such "an excellent lady." Still, the job, destined to be Ms. Barrett's, proved a wonderful fit in the end.

One of the programs the library offers to students is called "Reading is Fundamental (RIF)." This program is designed to increase literacy in students and twice a year an RIF distribution is held where books are given to the students. There is a great amount of excitement in picking out something new, while also teaching gratitude.

Ms. Barrett's final thoughts include "I really am enjoying this position. It's rewarding to help the kids find just the right book they're looking for. They blow me away with how quickly they learn." It certainly seems as though both student and teachers involved in the Sippican Library are benefiting from the work Ms. Barrett



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Marion Nursery "Indefinitely Suspended"

Marion Planning Board

By Adam T. Silva

A regular meeting of the Marion Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Tom Maguran at 7:25 pm on Monday, January 4, 2010 at the Marion Town House. Also in attendance were Board Members Steve Gonsalves, Patricia McArdle, John Sweeney, Jay Crowley, Jay Ryder, Joseph Napoli and Planning Board Secretary Debra Paiva.

The public hearing with Randall Bear Monteiro that was scheduled for 7:30 pm did not take place, as Mr. Monteiro canceled, therefore putting the hearing into what the Board would consider "indefinite suspension." Mr. Monteiro recently purchased the property on 454 Wareham Street, where he plans to open a flower nursery, which is allowed under the Town's by-laws. Before being purchased by Mr. Monteiro, 454 Wareham Street was an office building and offered what is defined as a "private service," and not retail.

Mr. Monteiro originally met with the Board on Monday, November 11, 2009 with the hopes of opening the building as a preview area for his plants, which he also sells in Rochester, in time for the holiday season. The Board voted down the holiday open house, since the location is not zoned for retail. A hearing was opened on December 7 and the case is allowed 90 days to remain open.

Chairman Maguran stated the Board needs to hear from Mr. Monteiro in writing, stating his intention to suspend the case officially. If he does not tell the Board in writing his intention to suspend the case, they will have to review it after 90 days and make a decision whether or not they should allow the nursery.

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The Building Inspector sent the Board a letter of denial for a certificate of occupancy for the building on 454 Wareham Street, although Chairman Maguran said that Mr. Monteiro is free to bring his case to the Board of Appeals. Mr. Monteiro does have the application still for the nursery according to the Board. The Board approved the decision to send Mr. Monteiro a letter asking his official decision to be put in writing.

The Board approved a letter of support to be sent in their name to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the home at 305 Delano Road to be a Bed and Breakfast. Chairman Maguran said that their rates were fairly reasonable and "it would be a great place for people to stay while visiting the town."



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As the January 4 meeting was their first of the year, the Board decided on their schedule for the rest of the year. The Board will not meet again in January.

On January 12, 2009, an Affordable Housing Trust Multi-Board Workshop will be held at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room in the Town House. More information is available on the Marion Town Website: www.MarionMA.gov. The Board approved the minutes of the December 14 meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. No executive session was held.

Mattapoisett Museum Receives Gift

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen


By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Jordan C. Collyer on December 22, 2009 at 7:00 pm. Also in attendance were Selectmen Paul A. Silva and George Randall, Town Administrator Michael Gagne', and Assistant to the Town Administrator Melody Pacheco.

The Board approved the minutes of the December 8 meeting, both open and executive session.

The Board received a request from Town Treasurer/Collector Brenda Herbeck for account authorization at Bristol County Savings Bank. The request was approved.

A warrant for the State Election for January 19, 2010 was signed by the Board.



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In a budget preparation update for FY11, Mr. Gagne' informed the Board that they have received budgets from all the town agencies. He has been in touch with Dr. William Cooper, Superintendent of Old Rochester Regional schools, and will receive the school budget soon. Mr. Gagne' said that the budget process was "going along [well]. Things are right on schedule." Mr. Gagne' said that there will be a "first glimpse" of the budget in the third week of January.

In the first appointment of the evening, the Board conducted a hearing for an "All-Alcohol" license transfer from Cathay Temple to Ying Dynasty II at 24 County Road. Selectman Silva read the legal notice as it appeared in *The Wanderer*. No one was present at the meeting to

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Mr. Ying, who has operated a South Dartmouth restaurant with a full liquor license for 9 years, was present with his lawyer to discuss his application for the license transfer.

"This Board takes very seriously the issue of underage drinking," said Chairman Collyer, who wanted to make sure that the owner would train wait-staff to follow all laws in regards to illegal drinking and fraudulent IDs. He said that there was only one time that a Mattapoisett liquor license was revoked, and that was for a previous restaurant at the same location as the Ying Dynasty II. If any alcohol laws are violated, Chairman Collyer warned: "the Board will take firm action."

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Since there were no comments from the public, the transfer was approved and signed by the Board. Chairman Collyer welcomed Mr. Ying to town and said he looked forward to Ying Dynasty opening.

The next appointment of the evening was with Seth Mendell of the Mattapoisett Historical Society. Mr. Mendell said that he had an "exciting announcement," not just for the Mattapoisett Museum and Carriage House, but for the entire Town of Mattapoisett. According to Mr. Mendell, Polly Phipps of 20 Water Street has donated a large 6 by 16 foot Clifford Ashley mural to the Museum.

Clifford Ashley was a renowned Southcoast artist at the turn of the 20th Century and was known for his paintings that depicted the area's rich maritime past. The mural, which hung on a sloped ceiling at 20 Water Street for 90 years, was carefully removed and will be restored. It depicts the "whaling coast of 1810," and shows the Southcoast from Connecticut River to Cape Cod and the Islands. After restoration, it will hang in the Museum.

"The amazing thing is that it went through 3 hurricanes... it weathered all three storms," said Mr. Mendell. "This is the largest single work that Clifford Ashley ever did."

The restoration will cost some money, but Mr. Mendell said, "I think we can raise the necessary money to put it up...it's gonna [sic] knock your socks off."

Mr. Mendell expressed "many thanks" to Ms.

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Susan Nilson gave the Board a 25 percent design presentation of the proposed Bike Path that will run from Mattapoisett Neck Road to Depot Street. Bike Path Committee Chairman Steve Kelliher, who has worked with Ms. Nilson and CLE engineering, was not present for the 25% design update.

Ms. Nilson said that they are still working on ways to build the bike path through a salt marsh in a way that won't upset the wildlife, and that they are looking to use 2 by 12 foot roll-out mats for the Barrier Beach section of the path. Massachusetts Highway wants to make sure that the easements have all been fulfilled, and wants improvements on parking definition at the Reservation Road site.

"We have a complete submission as much as we can have," said Ms. Nilson, who wants to let the Bike Path Committee look at the plans before officially submitting them in early January. Comments on the plan will be coordinated through Mr. Gagne', and discussion with the Board will continue after the holiday.

Selectman Randall took a moment to remind residents that it is their responsibility to shovel out their mailboxes after snow storms if they want to receive their mail. Chairman Collyer thanked Highway Surveyor Barry Dunham for clearing the roads after the December 20 nor'easter. "Compared to a lot of towns around us, we



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looked pretty darn good," said Chairman Collyer.

Mr. Denham, who was present at the meeting, took the opportunity to thank his staff and the water department for all their help in clearing the roads.

Selectman Silva said he hoped that "everyone has a wonderful holiday" and Chairman Collyer wished "Happy Holidays and a Prosperous New Year" to Mattapoisett residents before adjourning the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Marion Supports Harbor Improvement Effort

Marion Board of Selectmen

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Stephen Cushing at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at the Marion Town House. Also in attendance were Selectmen Roger Blanchette and Jonathan Henry, Town Administrator Paul Dawson and Assistant to the Town Administrator Helene Craver.

The minutes of the November 17, and December 1, 2009 meetings were approved.

In their first appointment, the Board heard from Mark Rasmussen and Korrin Pearson, both of the Coalition for Buzzard's Bay. Mr. Rasmussen and Ms. Pearson presented a concern to the Board in regards to the water quality levels within Sippican Harbor. According to Mr. Rasmussen, the quality of the Sippican Harbor had been compared to similar harbors in Mattapoisett and Onset and was significantly worse than its peers. Mr. Rasmussen described the water quality of Sippican inner harbor as among the "worst" in the region. Based on a 2008 water quality health index score, the Sippican Harbor has particularly deteriorated in the past 15 years.

"It's a real concern," said Mr. Rasmussen. Since the harbor isn't easily circulated or "flushed", it is expected that water quality will be a concern, but the level of deterioration is still out of proportion with typical water quality fluctuation.

"Sippican Harbor is deteriorating when there is no reason why it should," said Mr. Rasmussen.

There is no glaring source of pollution, such as local industry, septic systems or waste water sources that would cause the poor water quality, so the Coalition recognizes that the problem will require sleuthing. The

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Coalition does not suspect that lawn and agricultural fertilizers are to blame for the decline in water quality.

"We are scratching our heads," said Mr. Rasmussen. "What is going on here? Is there something weird going on in Marion?"

One proposed starting point for finding the nitrogen that is afflicting the harbor is the closed septage lagoons in the area of Aucoot Road, which were constructed over forty years ago and could be leeching or breaching into the water.

The Board was skeptical to this proposed source of contamination, since the lagoons are monitored by the Board of Public Works at least 5 times a week and have never posed a real problem in the past.

Water Works Superintendent Frank Cooper was present to give his "educated opinion" on the matter. Mr. Cooper was convinced that the lagoons were not the source of the pollution, but rather the chemical treatments used in maintaining lawns. In Mr. Cooper's opinion, the Sippican Harbor was being affected by nitrogen runoff from "Chem-Lawn" and "Tru-Green", which Mr. Cooper described as his "pet-peeve". Mr. Cooper thought that the Mass Department of Environmental Protection has not done enough to investigate the impact of lawn fertilization on water quality levels.

Mr. Cooper did agree that the source of the problem must be found and ultimately supported the Coalition's attempts to fix the problem. The Coalition said that their efforts would "cost the town nothing", but they were just seeking the town's "partnership" in finding the pollution source.

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The Board voted to approve support for the Coalition's efforts.

In the next appointment, the Board heard from Bill Madden from GAF Engineering. Mr. Madden represented his client Luba Bilentschuk, who requested a sewer tie-in in the area of Ridgewood Lane to make a buildable lot that his client would like to sell. In order to create public interest in the project, Ms. Bilentschuk offered 5 acres from the parcel of land for public use, but the Open Space Acquisition Committee (OSAC) felt that the 5-acre donation would have little benefit to the public. Instead, the OSAC suggesting designation 8 acres from the parcel of land to conservation restriction, which would limit the use of land in the future. This measure would be irreversible. The Board voted to approve the sewer tie-in based on the OSAC's request for a conservation restriction.

In Action items, the Board:

- Signed a warrant for the January 19 special state election.

- Approved credit memos in the amounts of \$424.59 and 655.02.

- Approved water service commitments.

- Approved a contract with Tara and Howard to run water mains in the area of Pleasant Street and Converse Road.

- Received letters of appreciation from Jonathan Philbrook and Kevin Paulson.

- Appointed Michael Still as an EMT-Basic.

- Appointed Interim Fire Chief Thomas Joyce to the Water Committee.

In the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Dawson informed the Board that visual appraisal and air-quality testing had confirmed long suspicions of a "fairly serious" mold problem in the Town House on the first floor and in the basement. In the short term, HEPA filters will be used to improve air quality in the Town House while they work with OccuHealth to get quotes and plan a permanent solution since, according to Mr. Dawson, the problem "poses potential risk to people who work in the building."

Mr. Dawson informed the Board that the new police station building development was on track and they were optimistic about the windows being installed by the end of January.

Mr. Dawson also wanted to inform the public that 2010 Privilege stickers were now available at the Town House, but that the stickers were slightly different than past years. The new stickers are placed on the inside, front windshield on the driver's side to make identification easier for the transfer station and beach attendants.

In Correspondence, the Board received a letter of resignation from EMT Andrea Keene. Ms. Keene served Marion as an EMT for over 31 years, and Mr. Dawson described her departure as "bittersweet". Selectman Henry fondly referred to Ms. Keene as a "real crackerjack".

The Board also received a letter of resignation from Reginald Foster from the Marion Affordable Housing Trust. Again, the Board expressed regret over the resignation.

The Board received 6 abatement requests from Marion residents in regards to water bills. With the exception of a request from a citizen whose high water bill was partly the result of damage from town work, the abatement requests were denied.

Ray Cullum of the Beverly Yacht Club sent the Board a letter of thanks for the work that Harbormaster Michael Cormier has done for them. Mr. Cullum expressed "sincere appreciation" for Mr. Cormier's "diligence", especially in regards to facilitating their activities and events.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm. No executive session was held.

Rochester Selectmen Set 2010 Goals

Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

By Sarah K. Taylor

A Meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday January 4, 2010 at 6:53 pm by Chairman Richard Nunes. Also present were Selectmen Bradford N. Morse, Selectman Naida L. Parker and Town Administrator Richard LaCamera.

The minutes from December 21, 2009, both regular and executive sessions were approved by the

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Selectman Parker then motioned to renew Charles Nunes' Class II license, which was seconded and passed. Also, Kathleen Massey, Natural Resources officer in Mattapoisett, was appointed to the position of Animal Control Officer by the Board.

Mr. LaCamera gave the Town Administrator's report next. He updated the Board on the progress being made by the Affordable Housing Project. A draft will be available for review by mid-January.

Apparently the large amount of snow the Southcoast has received so far this winter has been hard on the Town's budget. Mr. LaCamera expressed some concern stating, "I would say we have spent a good portion of our snow budget, but all the other budget line items are on target."

The Board briefly discussed the new Ethics Law, which requires Town employees be notified and then take a test or be faced with a potential fine. Mr. LaCamera was appointed by Selectman Parker to be the Ethic's liaison.

Under "People on the Agenda" a representative from Verizon approached the Board with a request to put up a new pole on New Bedford Rd. The request was granted.

Mr. LaCamera then presented a list of goals for 2010 for the Board to consider. The list was as follows;

- Development of RF Morse Commercial Property.
- Finalize affordable housing plan.
- Maintain current staffing and services for FY 2011 Budget.
- Review options for an addition to and renovations of the Town Hall.
- Regionalization of trash collection or purchase of a vehicle to do trash collection.
- Establish a recreation committee.
- Review / establish Town Water plan and establish a water commission.
- Plan for use / lease of Town-owned property on Pine St.
- Development of an Economic Development Committee and dissolve the Industrial Development

Commission.

- Promote Commercial Development at Route 28/58 corridor.
- Review and discuss options for the Town Center.
- Review and discuss the Town Planner's position.
- Continue to discuss the regionalization of services.

Mr. LaCamera then asked each Board member to point out what they considered to be the most pressing issues. Chairman Nunes chose the commercial development of RF Morse land as priority, and after some discussion, the Board determined that some of the goals could all be linked together to create one item.

Selectman Morse prioritized Town Hall renovations, stating that "we need to maintain what we currently own." Some discussion followed regarding what the renovations to the Town Hall could potentially be. Mr. LaCamera said, "We need to be practical. We need to talk about what practical means."

Selectman Parker thought the affordable housing plan was a priority.

The Selectmen all agreed that the list seems appropriate, with some very pressing issues, and some which will be more long term.

Under "Correspondence", a request was made by Carol J. St. Don to use the Town Hall on February 10. The

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request was granted.

The next regular meeting for the Board of Selectmen will be on January 25, 2010 at 6:30 pm and a motion was made to adjourn at 7:43 pm.

School Report

ORR Back from Vacation

By Anne Smith

College Acceptances – Seniors who have applied to colleges Early Action or Early Decision have begun to receive their acceptance letters. Both of these application processes are designed for the serious academic students who either know what college they want to attend or what career path they'd like to follow. In Early Action, seniors apply with an earlier deadline than the normal application and are reviewed first. If they are not accepted based on Early Action standards, they are deferred and reviewed a second time with the normal applications. Early Decision also has an earlier deadline, but it is different from Early Action in that students who are accepted are automatically registered at the school.

Seniors were asked to bring copies of their acceptance letters to the guidance office. As of December 30, 2009, students have been accepted at the following schools: Boston College, Bridgewater State College (5 acceptances), Drexel University, Emerson College, Fitchburg State College, Fordham University-Rose Hill, Franklin & Marshall College, High Point University, Lynchburg College, MA College of Pharmacy (2 acceptances), Mass Maritime Academy, Mount Ida College, Newbury College, Northeastern University, Quinnipiac University, Siena College, Stonehill College (3 acceptances), Suffolk University, UMASS Amherst (2 acceptances), University of New England, University of New Haven, University of Vermont (2 acceptances),

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Student Opinions on Winter Vacation – This week happens to be the first of the 2010 school year and students have returned to the halls after their winter vacation, which started on December 24, 2009, and ended on January 4, 2010. The day started slowly, with both teachers and students trying to recover their normal school routine. Jokes were made in almost every class about how classes hadn't been held in a year, since New Year's fell during the winter vacation. Overall, the students have the same opinion about their vacation and the workload they received from teachers, although a few students have made valuable comments about how vacations can be improved.


Most students used their vacations as their own free time, which is exactly why schools have them. Generally, students read their independent reading books, played games (both board and video), spent time outside in the snow, watched movies, and most importantly, they spent time with their families. Megan Merlo puts it best, saying, "I just [got] ready for Christmas and all that." Another student, Courtney McLeod, mentioned something that all teenagers do on vacations and long weekends – sleep in. Some of the older students, like Margie Pullo, also spent most of their vacation working paid jobs. Students were also still involved with sports over the vacation; the most notable is the winter track team, which had practice nearly every day.

The general consensus this year is that the teachers were very fair in dishing out homework. Students said they only spent about two to six hours studying, and the majority of this time was spent either reading assigned books for English or finishing projects for other classes. English and history classes

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seemed to have assigned the most work. The majority of the students did their homework towards the end of vacation, and all agreed that the workload was reasonable considering the classes it was for.

The end of vacation was a sad day for students, though. Most agreed that they wished vacation had been a few days longer. "I think we should have gotten out a few days earlier," Ms. Pullo said, referencing the fact that vacation started on Christmas Eve. The students all agreed that while the end of vacation was a bit upsetting to them, they were glad to be able to see their friends again. "I looked forward to seeing all my friends but not the work in classes," Ms. Ahrens summarized.

Students who are seriously bothered by the fact

that winter vacation ended may take solace in the fact that the next vacation is not far away – only a month and a half. April vacation soon follows that, and before we know it, school will have ended for the 2009-2010 year.

Sport Shorts

By Yulia Motta

It was a busy vacation week for the winter athletes because, unlike the regular high school students, they still had games and practices.

The **Old Colony Boys Basketball** team continues to struggle, as they dropped two more games to West Bridgewater and Bristol Plymouth this past week. West Bridgewater was one more team that the Cougars should've beaten, but once again, they failed to do so. It was a close game for the first two quarters, but West Bridgewater was able to pull away and secure the victory in the third and fourth quarters, after Cougars missed some much needed baskets. Also, West Bridgewater put a full court pressure on the Cougars, which led to 14 turnovers and many mental mistakes. The team made some passes that had worked last year when they were a JV team, but were hurtful to themselves this year, on the varsity. However, Coach Perry did find a positive aspect to the game – 39 points was the highest total this season. Coach Perry is going to continue working hard on his young team and get them a win, whether it's a league or non-league win.

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Another struggling ball club this year is the **Old Rochester Boys Basketball** team. This year Coach Carvalho, like Coach Perry (O.C.), has many new players on his hands.

Old Rochester Bulldogs were looking to redeem themselves, as they played **Bishop Stang** during the vacation, a team who beat them in their season opener, but once again they fell short. Bishop Stang was aggressive on both sides of the court, which earned them a 40-16 lead going into halftime. Then they outscored Bulldogs 19-2 in the third quarter, which pretty much secured the win for Bishop Stang. **Max Risch** was the highest scorer for the Bulldogs, finishing with six points, while **Mark Storrs** finished with five. Then, eight days

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later, the Bulldogs faced the Apponequet Lakers, a team who was on coach Carvalho's "Teams to Beat" list, but they lost to the Lakers by a score of 55-70. The highest scorers for the Bulldogs were **Nick Filloramo** with 14 points and **Nick Wright** with 10 points. However, the Bulldogs are looking to shake off the holiday cobwebs and get back into the season.

Old Colony Girls Basketball team picked up right where they left off last season. After a somewhat slow start, **Lady Cougars** were able to rally and defeat aggressive Bristol Plymouth by a score of 47-37. Lady Cougars, who are currently 4-1, are just beginning their march towards another great season and hopefully another championship trophy.



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Old Rochester Girls Basketball team is also looking pretty good. During their victory over Bourne, Lady Bulldogs proved that they can win without having many scorers. In this aggressive game, Lady Bulldogs were playing their best defensive game yet. However, on the offensive end, they only had three players show up on the scoring sheet. Despite the lack of scorers, Lady Bulldogs were able to defeat Bourne with **Michelle Franklin's** 19 points, **Kelsey Johnson's** 14 points, and **Lauren O'Brien's** 8 points.

Another great victory came six days later, when the **Old Rochester Lady Bulldogs** defeated Apponequet Lakers 57-35.

Old Rochester/Fairhaven Ice Hockey team is having another successful season. This past week they were able to defeat the New Bedford Whalers, 5-2. Sophomore **Max Sherman** made great plays for himself and scored four straight goals, including a hat trick, while senior **Gage Silva** pitched in with one, to help the team seal the non-league victory over the Whalers.

As the winter season goes on, some teams will be looking to come together and win some games, while others would be marching forward to the post season. However, in sports, sometimes unpredictable things happen (SuperBowl XXXII) and the underdog can come out victorious. Will you be there when it happens? If you don't want to miss out on the excitement, come out and support your team as they either make history or watch history being made.

Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor:

On behalf of Alden Court, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for helping spread the word about our program which provided the children of our soldiers' who reside in our local community with toys this Christmas. We never expected such an overwhelming response. On Monday, December 21, 2009 Gunnery Sergeant Denis Arsenaault of Mattapoisett, and Marine Sergeant Smith and Marine Sergeant Savrock collected the 14 huge garbage bags of toys. We would also like to thank those in the surrounding

community who brought toys. It's a wonderful feeling to know that this season we can support the men of our country and bring some comfort and happiness to their kids.

Sincerely,
Joe Oliveira

Facilitator of The Toy Soldier Program 2009

To the Editor:

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank *The Wanderer* for supporting the kids of Voices in Time this season. Your publication provided us again with a full audience for our Holiday Cabaret on December 27, 2009 at the Knights of Columbus in Mattapoisett. The phone calls for tickets kept on coming in right up until the show.

On behalf on the kids of Voices in Time, we truly appreciate the fact that we can count on you to help spread the word about our show and the community service work that the kids are involved in all year long. They are a special group of talented kids who bring smiles to the many audiences they perform for and it make them feel special to see their hard work get to print.

We would especially like to extend our thanks to Mark Mahar, our professional performer, who joined this kids for the Big Band Cabaret. He added a special touch to our program, is an outstanding musician and has a voice that certainly charmed our audience. To view photos of our show feel free to visit our website: www.voicesintime.weebly.com.

All The Best,
Sharon Jensen
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To the Editor:

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As the State moves forward, Massachusetts residents within the commercial wind turbine zone should be advised how to insure against a commercial wind turbine and tower.

Frank Haggerty, Mattapoisett

To The Editor:

As a colonial-rooted Cape Cod native who firmly believes in the sanctity of our maritime heritage, I am writing to ardently express my steadfast support for the Alliance to Protect Nantucket Sound. Based upon sensible logic, data and reasoning, I am also conversely opposed to the controversial Cape Wind Project, which

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seeks to despoil and rob us of the pristine nautical legacy bestowed by our forefathers. As a result of the likely profound damaging regional financial, ecological and public safety consequences Cape Wind would wrought upon us all, it should not be allowed to proceed forward to fruition.

The project poses a cogent danger to essential air and sea navigation. Sitting the project in Nantucket Sound is a breach of the public trust. Contrary to their sham claims, the cost of the electricity that the project will produce would not be cheap or competitive. It would be an unbearable fiscal burden hoisted upon us without our sanction or consent. Furthermore, it will represent a deleterious local economic blow by it's absconding of undeserved taxpayer-funded subsidies, forced real estate devaluations, and lost revenues from commercial and tourism activities. The proposed one hundred thirty wind turbines will perpetually cause unsightly visual contamination and distressing noise pollution. Finally, Cape Wind will unnecessarily endanger a critical marine and wildlife habitat.

With the aforesaid thoughtful rationales in mind, along with the inherently unfair and inequitable nature of the proposed Cape Wind Project itself, it must not become a reality, which will forever doom our children and grandchildren to a ghastly socially inhumane legacy.

Ron Beaty, West Barnstable

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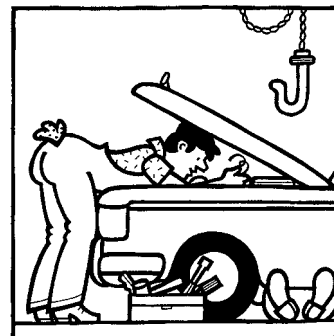
TEAMS and TRWA are seeking individuals and businesses that would like to display their environmentally friendly services or products at our 2010 Green Fair scheduled for Saturday, **March 20**, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Old Colony Vocational Technical High School at 476 North Avenue in Rochester. Space is limited. Anyone interested, please contact TEAMS at teams-info@

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The theme of our fourth annual Green Fair and this year's Photo Contest is "Nature in Transition". Photo Contest winners will have their photos displayed prominently at the Green Fair. For details and rules about the contest, please check out our website at www.teams-on-web.org.

Photo entries (not more than 2 per person) must be submitted by the deadline of **March 3**. You may mail your photograph to TEAMS, P.O. Box 898, Lakeville, MA 02347. Drop off locations are at the four following local libraries: Lakeville Public Library, 4 Precinct Street, Lakeville; Middleborough Public Library, 102 North Main Street, Middleborough; James White Memorial Library, 5 Washburn Rd. East Freetown; and Joseph Plumb Memorial Library, 17 Constitution Way, Rochester. If you are mailing your entry, we recommend you protect the photo(s). Please note that the photos will not be returned.

The 2010 Green Fair is sponsored by TEAMS (The Environmental Advocates of Massachusetts, Southeast) and TRWA (Taunton River Watershed Alliance, Inc.)

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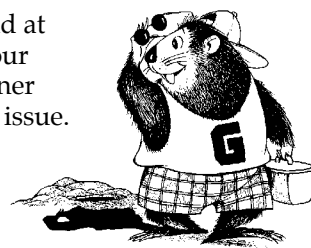
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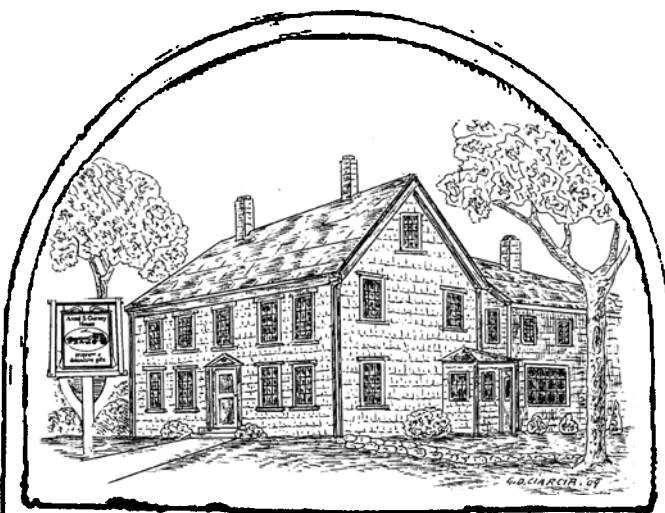
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Lions Club News

• **Think Harbor Days** – Who can envision warm summer days, a gigantic tent at Shipyard Park and creative crafts when we are currently blanketed with a foot of snow and arctic temperatures? Well, the Mattapoisett Lions Club members are already hard at work planning this summer's 2010 Harbor Days, which is scheduled for the third weekend in July, with the weeklong festivities being kicked off by the increasingly popular triathlon scheduled for Sunday, July 11.

• **Spring Lions Club Events** – Other upcoming events are a dinner theater showcasing local talent on Saturday, **March 20**, so mark your calendars with more information to follow. Also, this April we will once again be hosting the ever-popular Senior Turkey dinner.

• The next Lions Club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **January 13**. We will be meeting from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Ocean Explorium on Union St in New Bedford, where we will enjoy a private tour of the facility courtesy of Maritime Terminals, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. Post cards have been sent out with the information, so please email your meal choices to: helene_rose2001@yahoo.com or call 758-9841. Come and enjoy this special evening, reconnect with old friends and meet new ones.

If you are interested in finding out more concerning the Mattapoisett Lions Club, please visit our website: www.mattapoisettlionsclub.org.

Marion and Mattapoisett H1N1 Clinic

The Marion and Mattapoisett Boards of Health will be sponsoring an H1N1 flu vaccination clinic on Wednesday, **January 13** at the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, 135 Marion Road in Mattapoisett, from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. The clinic of injected H1N1 vaccine will be available to Marion and Mattapoisett residents aged 18 years and older.

Marion Photographer Exhibition

An exhibition of color photographs titled "The Past Twenty Years" by Marion resident Anne T. Converse is on display at the Maser Gallery at FCTV Community



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Anne Converse has been pursuing her childhood love of photography traveling the world over, capturing people and places on land and sea. With affection, Ms. Converse remains the free spirit and the "Auntie Mame" of her large family.

Ms. Converse's work covers a wide range of subjects, from nautical, social events, candid portraits and thoroughbred horses, dedicating ten years in the 1990s of photographing the "thoroughbred scene." Ms. Converse enjoys immersing herself in a project, such as her recent travels with Himalayan Project to Nepal in April 2008. "The experience provided a venue to pursue my love of photographing people within their environment," Ms. Converse says.

Ms. Converse spent summers in Marion, growing up by its seaport and sailing on her grandfather's Herreshoff 12 1/2. She inherited a love of sailing from a long heritage of sailors, notably her great-grandmother, Captain Mary P. Converse, who in her late 60s became the first woman to earn her Captain's papers in The Merchant Marines.

In June, 2002, she published her first book, a photographic essay, *Wood, Wind and Water: A Story of the Opera House Cup Race of Nantucket*, with text written by Carolyn M. Ford. Since then she has traveled to Antigua



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and the south of France to photograph the Classic Yacht Regattas, receiving rave reviews. "When they view the photos, I want people to be right there-to feel the spray on their faces and smell the salt water," said Ms. Converse.

Ms. Converse's documentary style photography has been exhibited in galleries and private collections nationally and internationally for twenty-five years. She intends to photograph until she reaches the pearly gates, and believes, "When you worry about age, it inhibits your imagination."

Exhibit Hours at the Maser Gallery at FCTV Community Television are Sunday and Monday, 2:00 – 10:00 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10:00 – 10:00 pm, and Friday, 10:00 – 6:00 pm. For more information on

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The first volunteer committee meeting was held on January 5 at the Old Rochester Regional High School Library located at 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett. The meeting began the planning process for the Tri-Town Relay For Life event, which supports the American Cancer Society's mission of saving lives by helping people stay well, by helping people get well, by finding cures and by fighting back against the disease.

Relay For Life events are held overnight as individuals and teams camp out at an athletic track,

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Relay For Life is all about the community uniting with the American Cancer Society and supporting its efforts to create a world with less cancer and more birthdays. Volunteers and participants who are willing to give their time and energy to this exciting event are making a commitment to let Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester know that cancer can be defeated.

If you would like to join the Relay For Life of Tri-Town as a planning committee volunteer or team participant, call Caryn Hodges at 508-989-7805 or Carol Lareau at 508-758-9229, or visit www.relayforlife.org/tritownma.

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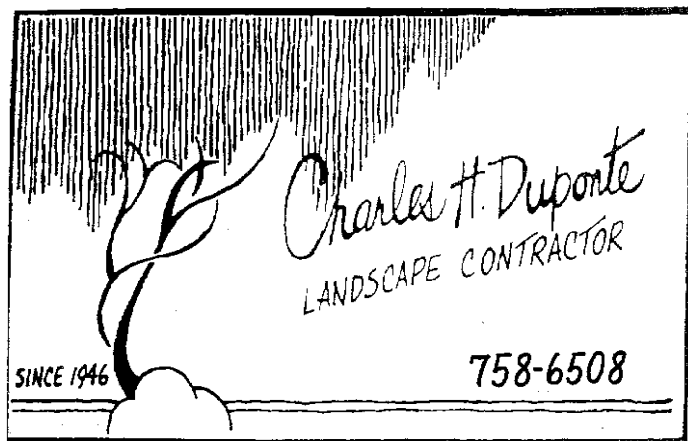
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The Founder of GiftsToGive.org, Jim Stevens, has a vision – not just to help the less fortunate but also the very fortunate. He believes the more affluent and their children need opportunities to get involved with charitable endeavors in a hands-on fashion, such as working in packaging clothing and other items for needy children. Therefore the 6 drives will help supply the over 200 volunteers who will be visiting the Mill at 21 Cove Street, New Bedford on Martin Luther King Day Monday, January 18, with items to sort and process for the over 30,000 children living in poverty throughout the SouthCoast area. If you would like to participate in this day of service please visit our website to register yourself and your family / group! www.GiftsToGive.org

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The South Coast Chamber Music Society's 10th anniversary season continues to present a legacy of great composition with concerts at 5:00 pm on Saturday, **January 23**, at St. Gabriel's Church in Marion, and at 3:00 pm on Sunday, **January 24**, at Grace Episcopal Church in New Bedford.

The program, which consists of three great composers of their time, Mozart, Beethoven and Dohnanyi promises to be inspiring and memorable. The least known of the three composers, Ernst von Dohnanyi was praised and promoted by Johannes Brahms and is perhaps only less known because of the circumstances of politics during his career. This classic and romantic concert will be performed by SCCMS regulars Piotr Buczek, violin, Don Krishnaswami, viola, Timothy Roberts, cello, and Donna Marie Cobert, oboe.

Tickets may be purchased for \$18 and ordered in advance by calling 508-295-2968, or at the door on the day of the concert. The box office opens 30 minutes before each concert. Attendees 16 and under are encouraged and admitted free of charge. Both concert venues are

wheelchair accessible. For more information on SCCMS programs, ticket purchases, and directions please visit our website, www.southcoastchambermusic.org or call 508-295-2968.

These concerts are sponsored in part by the New Bedford Cultural Council, a local agency that is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

The South Coast Chamber Music Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring great achievements by presenting high quality chamber music to Greater New Bedford and the communities of Southeastern Massachusetts.

Sippican Woman's Club Goes Green

"Going Green" is the program topic for the Sippican Woman's Club scheduled for Friday, **January 8**. Will Saltonstall, guest speaker and second-generation owner of an architectural firm, will discuss building design, use of materials, etc. A few of the firm's "green" local projects include Tabor Academy Science Center, Baldwin Brothers offices and a residence on Ryder's Lane. This will be a most interesting meeting you do not want to miss!

All meetings are held at Handy's Tavern, 152 Front Street, and begin with a finger food luncheon and tea served at 12:30 pm, followed by a brief business meeting prior to the introduction of the guest speaker. The Sippican Woman's Club is open to all women who are residents of Marion or whose interests are in Marion. Please contact Jeanne Lake at 508-748-0619 for more information.

Tri-Town Early Childhood News

• **Playgroup Registrations Open** – Playgroups are designed to offer families with young children the opportunity to meet others with children of similar age. Our skilled playgroup facilitators also share some simple activities and information that is appropriate for the age of your child. In 90 minute sessions over six weeks, you and your child will get to know other families and leave with some great low- or no-cost ideas to stimulate your child's healthy development. Priority for enrollment is

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given to families new to the group. A registration fee of \$35 is collected at the first session. Any family is eligible for a scholarship – just contact the Early Childhood Office to request one. All playgroups take place at old Hammondtown School, 20 Shaw St., Mattapoisett. To enroll in the playgroup age-appropriate for your child, please call the Early Childhood Office at 508-748-1863. Pre-registration is required.

- The infant playgroup starts Wednesday, **January 27** at 9:30 am.

- There are two offerings for the toddler group. The first starts Monday, **January 25** at 9:00 am, and the second starts Friday, **January 29** at 9:00 am.

- The preschool group starts Tuesday, **January 26** at 9:00 am.

- **Tri-Town Screening Clinic Scheduled** – A screening clinic for children from birth through age five will be held at Center School, Mattapoisett on **January 27**. The screening clinic offers families with questions about their child's development the opportunity to bring them for a broad screening of the major areas of a child's development. The screenings are conducted by Early Intervention and Old Rochester special education/early childhood professionals. To schedule an appointment, call 508-748-0100.

- **Tri-Town Early Childhood Council Meeting**
 – The tri-town early childhood council meeting will take place on **January 19** from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Sippican



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School, Marion. Jane Taylor retired in December. Due to funding cuts, the position will not be filled. Thus, the responsibilities will be distributed among district administrators and the Tri-Town Early Childhood Council. Now, more than ever, the council will be a critical force in the community. Having parents as members ensures that programming meets the current needs of Tri-Town families. Please consider joining this group.

•Applications For Project Grow – Applications for project grow for the 2010/2011 school year will be mailed to families the first week of February. Enrollment is open to all children residing in the towns of Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester who were born between September 1, 2005 and August 31, 2007. If you do not receive your application by **February 8**, please call the Early Childhood Office to request one at 508-748-1863.

Sippican Choral Society Rehearses

The Sippican Choral Society welcomes singers for its 2010 Spring Concert rehearsals beginning **January 11**. Rehearsals are held weekly at 7:30 pm at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church's Reynaud Hall, 27 Church Street, Mattapoisett.

New members are welcome to join until **January 25**. Shubert's Mass in B flat Major, and songs of faith and devotion will be the focus of the 2010 Spring Concert. Please arrive 15 minutes early to register. Semester dues



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Mattapoisett Town Clerk News

2010 Census – The 2010 Town Census forms will be mailed shortly to every household. Please review to be sure that the information is correct, sign, date and return to the Town Clerk's Office, either by mail or in person. If you have a dog, there is a license renewal form on the back of the census form. Fill in the information and return with the appropriate fee and a 2010 license will be mailed to you. During the next couple of months you will also be receiving a Federal Census Form. Federal Census is conducted every 10 years. This is different from the Town Census and also needs to be responded to as soon as possible.

Marion Town Clerk News

- **Marion Annual Street Listing 2010** (census) forms are being mailed out this month. Please complete the forms as soon as possible and drop them off at the Town House, 2 Spring Street or mail them back in the enclosed envelope.

These census forms are very important for the town as State aid is based on the numbers returned. The Annual Street List is compiled from this information. No children under the age of 16 are placed in the street list. However, it is very important that children be noted on

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the census form for school and state purposes, but again, no children under the age of 16 are placed in the street list.

Also, please note that a separate Federal Census form will be arriving around the same time. It is important that both Marion Annual Street Listing and Federal Census forms be filled out and returned as soon as possible. We thank you all in advance for your cooperation.

- **2010 Dog Licenses** are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Please stop by or use the application which will be with the Annual Street List form making sure to read the instructions carefully as incomplete applications will be returned. People over 70 years of age do not have to pay for one dog license fee but are still

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Mattapoisett Youth Baseball Registration

Registration for the upcoming 2010 Mattapoisett Youth Baseball Association - MYBA baseball season began January 1. All registrations along with manager evaluations and payment must be postmarked by **February 1**.

Registration forms along with 2009 manager evaluation forms are available online at the MYBA website <http://www.mybaonline.us>. Registration forms and manager evaluation forms will also be distributed at OHS and Center School the week of January 4.

Evaluations for any players wishing to move up a division will be held on Saturday **February 27**. Any player wishing to move up from AAA to Minors or Minors to Majors must attend the evaluation. For additional information regarding registration and evaluations please visit the MYBA Website at <http://www.mybaonline.us>.


Mattapoisett Taxes Due

Mattapoisett Town Collector Brenda Herbeck announces that the third quarter of the 2010 Actual Tax Bills are due **February 1**. Tax bills were mailed on December 31, 2009.

Taxpayers are encouraged to register for making on-line payments on the eBill website at www.mcc.net. By using eBill taxpayers can have their payments withdrawn from their checking or savings accounts at minimal cost. Taxpayers also can make payments on eBill with Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover credit cards for a small service fee. Payments can be made using eBill until 11:59PM on the due date of February 1. Other options for taxpayers are to mail their payments to P.O. Box 1596 or deposit payments in the mail slot located near the back corner of Town Hall.

Payments are due in the Collector's Office no later than 4:00 pm on February 1, therefore, taxpayers should allow sufficient time for mail travel when mailing payments. If paying by personal online banking, taxpayers should allow sufficient time for the bank to generate a check and mail it to the Town. Taxpayers should supply sufficient information on the check identifying which bill should be credited with the payment.

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Please call the Collector's Office at 508-758-4100, ext. 1 for questions regarding payments. The Collector's Office is open for business Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Questions regarding property values and abatements should be directed to the Assessors' Office at 508-758-4100, ext. 3.

Rochester Memorial Kindergarten Orientation

Rochester Memorial School welcomes parents of kindergarten-aged children to an Orientation Meeting that will take place on Tuesday, **January 12**, from 5:45 to 7:00 pm, in the school's cafetorium. We request that all parents of kindergarten-eligible students attend. To be eligible for entrance to kindergarten in September, a child's birth-date must be prior to September 1, 2005. Registration forms, full-day kindergarten survey forms, and the registration schedule will be distributed.

Kindergarten registration for the 2010-2011 school year will be held at the Rochester Memorial School, 16 Pine Street, Rochester, MA on the week of **January 19, 2010**, from 9:30 to 11:30 am, and 1:00 to 2:30 pm for

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Parents must bring a birth certificate, two verifications of home address, a valid driver's license, a record of immunization, and a physician's certificate showing the date and results of lead-screening. Each student must have a physical examination dated no more than one year prior to the beginning of classes.

For more information, please contact the Rochester Memorial School at 508-763-2049.

Marion Social Club Clam Boil

The Marion Social Club will be holding a clam boil on **January 17**. The meal will include chowder, and all the fixings for a New England clam boil.

Doors will open at noon, and serving time is 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling club member Brenda at 508-291-4062. This is an eat-in event only - no take-outs. Come by, bring a friend or two, and check out the raffle table. A fun time will be had by all!

Rochester Historic Commission Seeks Members

The Board of Selectmen is seeking an architect to serve on the Historic District Commission. The District operates under the Design Guidelines that changes should be compatible with the buildings and settings in the District. Members review projects in a meaningful and consistent manner. Letters of interest should be sent to Richard LaCamera, Town Administrator, 1 Constitution Way.

Marion Art Center Winter News

Classes and lessons will resume **January 11**. Membership to the Marion Art Center is open to the public. Dues and donations are tax deductible. Members also receive discounts on theater and concert tickets, class tuitions and special events, as well as receiving the

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quarterly Newsletter, and invitations to gallery openings. Patrons are included in playbills and other publications. For more information, call the Marion Art Center office.

The Marion Art Center has gift certificates available for memberships, theater shows, special events and classes. MAC is offering the following classes this winter/spring:

Young People's Theater, with instructor Annie Giddings:

- **Pre-YPT:** (ages 3 – 5) will meet on Tuesdays, 3:15 – 3:45, **January 12 – April 6**. Young students will have the opportunity to explore theater through games, stories and creative movement. The focus is on fun, cooperation and imagination. Fee: \$105 MAC members/\$125 non-members.

- **YPT I:** (Grades K – 2) Thursdays, 3:30 – 4:30, **January 14 – April 8**. Students will work on basic theater skills through games in a non-competitive atmosphere. There will be a short performance at the end of the term. Fee: \$135 MAC members/\$150 non-members.

- **YPT II:** (Grades 3 – 5) Thursdays, 4:30 – 6:00, **January 14 – April 8**. Shows will be on **April 9 and 10**. Emphasis is on beginner and intermediate theater skills that develop creativity, cooperation and improvisation. No experience necessary. Fee: \$150 MAC members/\$165 non-members.

- **YPT Advanced:** (Grades 5 – 8), Tuesdays, 4:00 – 6:00, **January 12 – May 11**. Shows **May 14 and 15**. This class is designed for students who have had

some previous acting or theater experience. The focus is on advanced skills, improvisation, pantomime and creative dramatics. The session is extended to allow for the opportunity to write our own play. Students will be involved in all aspects of play production including set, costumes, props and lighting. Fee: \$175 MAC members/\$190 non-members.

Dance with instructor Teah Mazzoni:

- **Preschool** (ages 3 – 4), Mondays, 4:00 – 4:30 pm, **February 1 – April 26**. This class is an introduction to ballet and tap. It's fun with early steps. Fee: \$135/\$150.

- **Kinderstep** (ages 5 – 6), Mondays, 4:30 – 5:15 pm, **February 1 – April 26**. Students learn more ballet and tap techniques and vocabulary with some barre work as

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Obituaries

Brian J. White, 58, of Rochester died Friday, December 18, 2009 unexpectedly at home. He was the son of the late Walter J. and Carmel (Marshall) White.

He was born in Brooklyn, New York residing in New Jersey, Florida, Boston and the past 5 years in Rochester.

Mr. White earned his bachelor's degree in Social Work from Drexel University in Philadelphia and following a lengthy career in the restaurant business, he earned his master's degree in Social Work from Salem State College.

He was employed as an licensed independent clinical social worker for many years most recently for Bayview Associates in Wareham. A Porsche and U2 enthusiast, he loved winning at poker, traveling to warm climates and his adopted hometown of Rochester.

His family includes his companion, Elizabeth Martin; 2 brothers, Dr. Walter P. White and his wife, Vivian of Wetumpka, Alabama and Charles G. White and his wife, Patricia of Sewell of New Jersey; a sister, Juliana T. White of Philadelphia and 3 nieces. Calling hours are omitted.

His Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated in Our Lady Of The Assumption Church Wednesday morning at 9:00. Interment in Hillside Cemetery, Rochester.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to AUBERTINE-LOPES FUNERAL HOME, 129 Allen Street New Bedford.

Lois H. Smith, 89, formally of Marion, passed away on November 18, 2009. She was predeceased by her husband, Clarence A. Smith Jr.. She is survived by her children, David A. Smith and his wife Cynthia of Falmouth, Maine, Jonathan A. Smith and his wife Ginger of Atlanta, Ga. and Carolyn A. Sandhagen and her husband Paul of Loganville, Ga., five grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

Lois was born in St. Louis, Missouri and moved to Portland, Maine as a young girl. She graduated from Westbrook College in 1939. She often remarked that the most enjoyable time of her life were the years spent raising her children in Marion. A memorial service was held on November 21st. Condolenses to dsmith23@maine.rr.com

Homer Livermore Gowing, 83, of Mattapoisett passed away peacefully on December 25. Homer was born on May 8, 1926 in Boston, MA. to Henry and Muriel (Livermore) Gowing and grew up in Newton. Homer graduated from Kimball Union Academy in 1944 and enlisted in the US Navy serving in the Pacific Theater aboard USS LST 522.

After the war, Homer enrolled at Middlebury College and graduated with the class of 1951. After graduation, he married Jane Towers and went to work for Arthur D. Little & Co. They lived in greater Boston for several years and spent one year in Nassau where Homer worked for St. Regis Paper Co. After returning to the States, they settled in Wilbraham, MA where Homer spent 25 years at US Envelope/Westvaco in the marketing division. All through the years, he and his family spent summers in Mattapoisett and after Homer's retirement, he and Jane moved year round to Mattapoisett.

Homer is survived by his daughter Patricia (Gow-

ing) Richardson and her husband Philip of Simsbury, CT, two sons; Stephen Gowing and his wife Marilyn of Canton, MA, James Gowing and his wife Sara of Lower Gwynedd, PA, six grandchildren; Sarah Richardson, Anne Richardson, Mark Richardson, Kristen Gowing, Amy Gowing and Stephanie Gowing and by his brother John Seward and his wife Marsha of Beverly Farms, MA.

Homer's greatest legacy is the family he raised with Jane and the love they all share for each other and for Mattapoisett.

Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mattapoisett Land Trust, P.O. Box 31, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. For on-line guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Adam Max Cohen, 38, of Marion, died Saturday, January 2, 2010 at his home after a long illness. He was the husband of Debra (Bauer) Cohen.

Born in Boston, he was the son of Dr. Max and Leslie Cohen of Potomac, MD. During his undergraduate years, Adam attended Oxford University and received his B.A. with distinction at Stanford University. He continued his education and received both his M.A. and Ph.D. in English Literature from the University of Virginia.

An English Professor, Adam held educational positions at University of North Florida, Jacksonville and University of South Alabama, Mobile and most recently was a tenured Associate Professor in the Department of English at University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

An accomplished author, Adam published several books including; Shakespeare and Technology: Dramatizing Early Modern Technological Revolutions and Technology and the Early Modern Self. He also has several forthcoming publications including; Wonder in Shakespeare. He contributed many chapters and numerous essays in books and periodicals.

Among his many accomplishments and awards, Adam was the 1989 recipient of the David Starr Jordan Merit Scholarship at Stanford University; President's Fellow at University of Virginia and was a Folger Shakespeare Library Scholar.

As an avid sports enthusiast, Adam particularly loved golfing. He traveled the globe and climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa. Most of all, he enjoyed being with his family and having "Daddy Days" with his daughters.

Adam is survived by his wife; his parents; his daughters, Hailey I. and Lauren R. Cohen of Marion; his sisters, Heather C. Henri of Cupertino, CA and Robyn C. Cohen of Los Angeles, CA and his maternal grandmother, Mildred Krupsaw of Washington, D.C.

Arrangements by the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 74 Algonquin Ave. at Rt. 151, Mashpee, MA at 11:00 AM. Interment in the Falmouth Jewish Cemetery, Falmouth.

Donations in his memory may be made to Adam Max Cohen Educational Trust, c/o TD Bank, 237 Main St., Wareham, MA 02571. For directions and on-line guestbook visit: www.ccgfuneralhome.com

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Piano and Voice Lessons are available by appointment. Call 508-748-1266 to pre-register for all lessons and classes. No classes or lessons are held during public school vacations.

- The **Winter Members Show** opens in both galleries on Sunday, **January 17** with a reception from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. All members in good standing may submit 2 or 3 pieces (depending on size, not to exceed 36x36".) Drop off dates are: **January 9**, 10:00 – 2:00 pm; **January 13 and 14**, 1:00 – 5:00 pm. The exhibition runs through **February 24**.

- There will be a **Valentine Tea Party** on Saturday, **February 6** at 3:00 pm. Musical entertainment includes a skit about Kirsten and Singing Bird, performed by Morgan Middleton and Phoebe Mock plus a craft project, favors, cupcakes to decorate and high tea with sandwiches and sweets. Reservations must be made in advance. RSVP by **February 1**. Tickets: \$20 MAC members/\$25 non-members. Call 508-748-1266.

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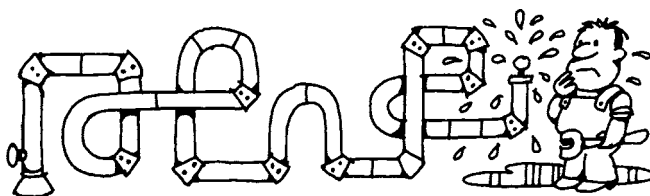
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Dorothy A. Motta, age 83, wife of the late Jesse Motta Sr., passed away Dec. 29, 2009, at her home in Rochester, with her family by her side, following a short illness.

Born May 22, 1926, in Plymouth, she was a daughter of the late Manuel P. and Mary (Medeiros) Braz. Growing up in Plymouth, she spent most of her married life in Middleboro. Following her husband's retirement, they moved to Canada for 20 years before moving back to Massachusetts to live in Rochester.

Mrs. Motta worked for a short time at the Foxboro Company in East Bridgewater. She enjoyed quilting and was a longtime member of Central Baptist Church in Middleboro.

Mrs. Motta is survived by six children, Jesse Motta Jr. of Middleboro, Marlene Burnham of Dorchester, Cheryl Whalen of Sarasota, Fla., Lorin Motta Sr. of Rochester, Lance Motta of Goodyear, Ariz., and Christine Motta of New Jersey; one sister, Emma Ryan of Melbourne, Fla.; 12 grandchildren, Ann Marie Soule of Berkley, Jesse Motta V of Berkley, Kara Meredith of Colorado, Lorin Motta Jr. of Rochester, Dr. Lindsey Oliviera of New Hampshire, Lael Motta, Karson Motta, Kyle Motta, Yulia and Anna Motta, all of Rochester, Levi Motta Huttner and Sophie Motta Huttner, both of New Jersey; many great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

To send the family a condolence, please visit our Web site at www.d-mfh.com. Arrangements are by Dahlborg-MacNevin Funeral Home, 280 Bedford St., Lakeville

Arthur C. Potter, 81, of Mattapoisett, died December 26, 2009 at Charlton Memorial Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Cecilie Cornell Potter; two children, Gunnery Sergeant Caleb C. Potter, U.S. Marine Corps (retired), of Cypress, Texas, and Alicia A. Potter, of Boston; and one grandchild. Born in Fall River, Arthur was a veteran of World War II and a member of the Shriners, the Pythagorean Lodge, A.F. & A.M., in Marion, and the Mattapoisett American Legion.

He enjoyed walking and spending time with his family.

Arrangements by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road (Rte. 6), Mattapoisett. Services will be private at a later date.

Anna (Hupfer) Pearce, 98, of Mattapoisett and formerly of Winchester, died on Thursday, December 31, 2009.

She was the wife of the late William J. Pearce. Mrs. Pearce graduated from Holyoke High School at the age of 15 and was the valedictorian. She attended Boston University, until her marriage to William Pearce. For many years she was the credit manager for Fitzgerald's Fuel of Winchester, where she excelled at collections.

She was a member of Mattapoisett Women's Club, and St Anthony Church of Mattapoisett. She enjoyed traveling, but her greatest joy was spending time with her family.

She is survived by her daughters: Joanne Triplett of Mooresville, NC; Claire Keene and her husband Lauren of Mattapoisett; Patricia Lally and her husband John of Southborough; 8 grandchildren, William and Timothy Triplett, Michelle Wilcox; Brian and Kevin Keene; John P. Lally, III;

Peter and William Lally; and 17 great grandchildren.

Arrangements by the Morris Funeral Home, (Morrisfuneral-parlor.com) 40 Main St. Southborough. Memorial contributions may be sent in her memory to Beaumont Rehab & Skilled Nursing Center, 238 W. Main St., Northborough, MA 02532 Att: recreation fund



Mary E. (Kearney) McEntee, 88, of Fairhaven, formerly of Mattapoisett, died Wednesday December 30, 2009 at Our Lady's Haven. She was the wife of the late Patrick J. McEntee.

Born in New York City, the daughter of the late James and Margaret (McGovern) Kearney, she moved to Ireland as a child and returned to the United States in 1954. She lived in Poughkeepsie, NY for many years before moving to Mattapoisett in 1985. She was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church.

Mrs. McEntee was formerly employed as a ward secretary for Vassar Brothers Hospital in Poughkeepsie.

Survivors include four children, Bridget Gribb of Somers, NY, Anne Johnson of Needham and Mattapoisett, Brendan McEntee of Lafayette, CA, and Patrick McEntee of Los Angeles, CA; five grandchildren, Kelly, Randall, and Kimberly Gribb, Kristen T. Boucher, and Mara McEntee; and two great-grandchildren, Ivy Gribb and Mila Boucher. She was the sister of the late James Kearney.

Her Memorial Mass will be celebrated on her birthday, Saturday July 24, 2010 at 11 AM, at St. Anthony's Church. A private family burial service will be held in St. Anthony's Cemetery. Visiting hours are omitted. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett.

Frances Pernas, 93, of Mattapoisett died January 30, 2009. Frances, the youngest of the three daughters of the late Francis and Jeannette (Muñoz) Pernas of Crawford, NJ, was a graduate of Hillside Girls Boarding School and Wells College in Aurora, NY.

Frances started her professional career working for the Museum of Modern Art in NYC, where she was, until her retirement, responsible for publication of their art books.

Following retirement she moved to Mattapoisett with her sister Cristina King in 1964, also buying a home on North Street, in order to be near their eldest sister Andrea Briggs. The last few months of her life Frances spent at Our Lady's Haven rest home in Fairhaven, where she quietly passed away.

Frances remained youthful of mind and spirit until the last. Anyone who spoke with her, even though her eyesight had been considerably reduced during the last few years, would think they were conversing with a young lady, as much from the youthful tone of her voice as the topics of her conversations. She laughed easily and had a contagious sense of

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The Marion Art Center is located at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets in Marion. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm and Saturdays, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Admission is free. Membership is open to everyone interested in supporting, promoting and enjoying the visual and performing arts. For information call 508-748-1266 or visit www.marionartcenter.org.

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• Thursday, **January 7**: 9:30 Public Health Nurse; 9:00 Bridge.

• Friday, **January 8**: 8:30 Yoga; 8:30 Shaws; 10:00 Cardio Fit.

• Monday, **January 11**: 9:00 Garden Club; 9:00 SHINE; 12:00 Fitness w/Karen; 12:30 Fairhaven Marts; 1:00 Scrabble.

• Tuesday, **January 12**: 8:30 Yoga; 8:30 Stop & Shop; 9:30 Public Health Nurse.

• Wednesday, **January 13**: 10:00 Zumba Gold; 12:00 Fitness w/Karen; 1:30 Bingo; 12:00 \$5 Lunch Lasagna.

• Thursday, **January 14**: 9:30 Public Health Nurse; 9:00 Bridge; Trip to Providence Place Mall.

• Friday, **January 15**: 8:30 Yoga; 8:30 Stop & Shop; 10:00 Cardio Fit; 10:00 Speaker: Portion Control.

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humor which made her good company for anyone who came calling on her. She remained intensely interested in current events, listening daily to NewsHour with Jim Lehrer. She loved reading; her favorites being Shakespeare's King Lear and Tolstoy's War and Peace. As her eyesight began giving out she would listen to tapes of these books or have them read to her.

Frances, who never married, joyfully maintained an avid interest in all her nephews and nieces as well as their families. We will also remember her for her consistent kindness and deep concern for the welfare of others.

Survivors include her nieces and nephews, William Briggs, III and his wife Kathleen of Indiana, Peter Briggs and his wife Anne of Mattapoisett, Frank King and his wife Marion of Utah and Eloise Ricciardelli of Mattapoisett; her great-nieces and great-nephews, Becky, William, IV, James, Peter, Hazel, Susan, Catherine, Paul, Valerie, Daniel, Melinda, Heather, Christopher, Marie-Josée, Cassandra and Matthew.

She was the sister of the late Cristina King and Andrea Briggs, aunt of the late Jane Newman and Marita King, great-aunt of the late Marc Ricciardelli.

Her Memorial Service will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Mattapoisett Land Trust, Inc. P.O. Box 31 Mattapoisett, MA 02739. For on-line guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Leonard P. McDonnell, 85, of New Bedford, died December 25, 2009 at New Bedford Health Care Center. He was the husband of the late Mary M. (Malone) McDonnell. Born in New Bedford, the son of the late Leonard M. and Florence (Reddy) McDonnell, he lived in New Bedford all of his life.

Mr. McDonnell was formerly employed as an assistant treasurer with New Bedford Institution For Savings for many years until his retirement. Prior to that, he was a salesman for C.F. Rickett's of Cranston, RI. Leonard worked as a professional musician for many years as a member of the Bud Lilly Orchestra playing many weddings and at the Harbor Beach Club, Twin Silos and the Silver Gull.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the 74th AAA Brigade. Mr. McDonnell was the recipient of the European-African Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon with 3 Bronze Battle Stars, 1 Overseas Service Bar and the World War II Victory Medal.

Survivors include his son, Leonard M. McDonnell of Mattapoisett; 2 daughters, Kathleen J. Lowney of Mattapoisett and Joanne McDonnell; 2 sisters, Maureen Hathaway of New Bedford and Jean Silver of Fairhaven; 2 granddaughters, Kayla and Meghan; 2 great-grandchildren, Jack and Mary; several nieces and nephews.

His private Funeral Service was held in the Saunders-Dwyer Home For Funerals, 495 Park St., New Bedford. In lieu of flowers, remembrances in his memory may be made to Southcoast Hospice, 200 Mill Rd., Fairhaven, MA 02719. For on-line guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Joseph R. Olivier, 85, of Acushnet, passed away at home,

surrounded by his family, on Friday, January 1, 2010, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was the loving husband of Jeanne V. (Lapointe) Olivier married 64 years; and son of the late Adelard and Eva (Dufresne) Olivier. He was born and lived most of his life in Acushnet.

Mr. Olivier was the owner and founder, with his brother Leo of Olivier & Sons in 1948. He also grew apples in his orchard and made cider. He was a member of the Acushnet Lions, Knights of Columbus, Friends of Poland and a former member of the Catholic Men's Club. He had also gone on a mission with his brother Normand to Haiti to assist in setting up Dental Offices.

In his leisure time he thoroughly enjoyed wood-working but most of all he loved being with his family and grandchildren.

Donations may be made in his memory to South Coast Hospice, 200 Mill Rd., Fairhaven, MA 02719

Survivors include his wife; six children, Carol Robert and her husband, Paul of Acushnet, Joseph Olivier, Jr., and his wife, Patricia of Mattapoisett, Michael Olivier of Acushnet, Jeannine Nachtrab and her husband, Herbert of Weymouth, Ann Wynne and her husband, David of Acushnet and Catherine Lockwood and her husband, Brian of Acushnet; twenty grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; his brother, Leo Olivier of FL; three sisters, Bertha Santos and Beatrice Poulin, both of Acushnet and Sr. Claire Olivier of CA; and many nieces and nephews.

He was the brother of the late Dr. Normand Olivier and father-in-law of the late JoAnn Olivier.

Arrangements by the Rock Funeral Home, New Bedford, MA.

Edward R. Wheeler, 71, of Rochester, died at the Oaks on December 27, 2009. He was the widower of Louise J. (Burke) Wheeler.

Mr. Wheeler was born in New Bedford, son of the late Frederick F. and Elizabeth B. (Gifford) Wheeler, and resided in Rochester most of his life. He was a graduate of Bristol Community College. He was employed as a machine shop foreman by J.C. Rhodes and later as the C shift production supervisor by L. M. Gerson Co., Inc., Middleboro until his retirement.

Survivors include 2 sisters: Clara Balkcom of FL and NY and Margaret Ward of GA; a brother: George Wheeler of New Bedford; and several nieces & nephews. He was brother of the late Frederick, Harry and Arthur Wheeler.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Kirby Funeral Home, 61 Tarkiln Hill Road, New Bedford. To sign the online guest book, please visit www.potterfuneralservice.com.

Jeannette L. (Blanchard) Daviault, 75, of New Bedford, passed away on Wednesday, December 30, 2009, at St. Luke's Hospital, after a brief illness. She was the widow of Roger E. Daviault, and they were married 52 years; daughter of the late Mathias and Odena (Soucy) Blanchard.

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- Dancing to the 50's on **January 15** at 10:00 am.

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She was born in Wakefield, RI and lived most of her life in New Bedford. She graduated from Holy Family High School and she was the former co-owner of JP Fashions in Fairhaven.

She was formerly very active in Girl Scouts and was a Troop Leader; a former member of the French Cotillion. In her leisure time she enjoyed ceramics and loved traveling with her husband.

Survivors include her two daughters, Lynn Durocher and her husband, Richard of St. Johnsbury, VT and Diane Rioux and her husband, Paul of Mattapoisett; seven grandchildren, Rebecca and Benjamin Brewer, Scott Brewer and his wife, Jessica, and Jocelyn, Jade, Jacob and Jentelle Rioux; a great-granddaughter, Isabella Brewer; her extended family, Vivian Langlais of SC, Gina Galarza and Margaret DeBortoli, both of New Bedford.

Arrangements by the Rock Funeral Home, New Bedford, MA.

Stanley T. Spevack, M.D., of Mattapoisett, died Monday, December 28, 2009 after a courageous battle with gastric cancer. He was the loving husband of Jeanne Paccia for almost 20 years.

He was born in Montreal, Canada to the late Nathan

and the late Libby Spevack. He received his medical degree from McGill University and served as a pediatric nephrologist in the U.S. Navy. Dr. Spevack began his pediatric practice in Fall River twenty five years ago, and was a founder of Highland Pediatrics. He was the former Chief of Pediatrics at St. Anne's Hospital in Fall River and was also on staff at Charlton Memorial Hospital.

He was a member of the Falmouth Jewish Congregation.

Besides his wife, Dr. Spevack is survived by his children, Benjamin, Rebecca, Jacob and Eli Spevack, Amy Swallow, and Leah Kelly; by sisters, Dorothy Spevack and Rena Orr; by his stepmother, Claire Solomon Spevack and her children, Judi and Michael Moscovitch; and by parents-in-law, Joseph and Marguerite Paccia. Also surviving are 4 grandchildren and numerous devoted family members. He was predeceased by his brother, Dr. Michael Spevack.

A funeral service was held in the Meeting House at Falmouth Jewish Congregation, 7 Hatchville Rd, East Falmouth, followed by a burial at the Falmouth Jewish Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Dr. Stanley Spevack Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Atty. David M. Assad, P.O. Box 2679, Fall River, MA 02722.

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Sunday Jan. 10, 2010

6:30 AM - Words of Peace
7:00 AM - Second Coming Church
8:00 AM - The New Testament Church of Cedarville
9:00 AM - Music and the Spoken Word
9:30 AM - The First Congregational Church of Rochester
11:00 AM - Physician Focus
11:30 AM - White House Chronicles
Noon - The Commonwealth Report - With Sen. Marc Pacheco
12:30 PM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
2:00 PM - Music and the Spoken Word
2:30 PM - The First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM - The New Testament Church of Cedarville
5:30 PM - Community Announcements
7:00 PM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
7:30 PM - Gallery Talk - A Presentation of the Marion Art Center
8:00 PM - The Sippican Historical Society Presents
11:00 PM - Explore
Midnight - Midnight Movie

Monday Jan. 11, 2010

8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM - Marion Art Center Artstart 2009
10:00 AM - Arts and Ideas
10:30 AM - Second Act
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon - Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM - Senior Stretch
3:00 PM - Words of Peace
6:00 PM - Become Your Own Gym
7:30 PM - Healthwise Alternatives

8:00 PM - Sharing Miracles
8:30 PM - Physician's Focus
9:30 PM - Around BCC
10:00 PM - Smart Boating
10:30 PM - Life Matters
Midnight - Midnight Movie

Tuesday Jan. 12, 2010

8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM - Seniors on the Move
10:30 AM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon - Midday Movie
1:30 PM - The Wanderer Presents
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM - Senior Stretch
3:00 PM - Community Announcements
4:30 PM - Senior Scene
5:00 PM - Community Arts in Action
5:30 PM - Expedition New England
6:00 PM - Marion Art Center Artstart 2009
7:00 PM - HomeFront
8:00 PM - Gallery Talk - A Presentation of the Marion Art Center
8:30 PM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
11:30 PM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
Midnight - Midnight Mausoleum

Wednesday Jan. 13, 2010

8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM - Gardening Rhythms
10:30 AM - Cooking With Marie
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon - Midday Movie
1:30 PM - New England Jobs Show
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM - Senior Stretch
5:00 PM - Gallery Talk - A Presentation of the

Marion Art Center
5:30 PM - Second Act TV
6:00 PM - Become Your Own Gym
7:00 PM - White House Chronicle
7:30 PM - The Commonwealth Report - With Sen. Marc Pacheco
8:00 PM - Midweek Politics with David Pakman
9:30 PM - Sharing Miracles
10:00 PM - Fox Robbins Business Show
10:30 PM - Life Matters
11:30 PM - 30 Odd Minutes
Midnight - Midnight Movie
1:30 AM - Sci-Fi Journal

Thursday Jan. 14, 2010

8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
10:00 AM - Kids a Cookin'
10:30 AM - Homefront
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon - Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM - Senior Stretch
3:00 PM - LOWV Healthcare Forum
7:30 PM - The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM - Link TV World Music Block
9:00 PM - Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM - Music Hour
Midnight - Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM - Midnight Mausoleum

Friday Jan. 15, 2010

8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM - Gardening Rhythms
10:00 AM - Green By Design
10:30 AM - Healthwise Alternatives
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon - Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise

2:30 PM - Senior Stretch
5:00 PM - Community Arts in Action
6:00 PM - Become Your Own Gym
7:00 PM - Fox Robbins Business Show
7:30 PM - Healthwise Alternatives
8:00 PM - Homefront
8:30 PM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
9:00 PM - Gallery Talk - A Presentation of the Marion Art Center
10:00 PM - Ampersand
11:00 PM - Around BCC
11:30 PM - 30 Odd Minutes
Midnight - Friday Night Drive-In Theater Midnight Movies

Saturday Jan. 16, 2009

8:00 AM - Classic Cartoon Festival
10 AM - Marion Art Center Artstart 2009
10:30 AM - NASA 360
11:00 AM - Expedition New England
11:30 AM - Kids a Cookin'
Noon - Gallery Talk - A Presentation of the Marion Art Center
12:30 PM - Around BCC
1:00 PM - New England Daycautions
1:30 PM - U-Mass Dartmouth Sports
4:30 PM - Expedition New England
7:30 PM - The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM - Link TV World Music Block
9:00 PM - Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM - Music Hour
Midnight - Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM - Saturday Fright Special

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Daily Schedule
8:30 AM - Latest School Committee Meeting
11:00 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

2:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
4:00 PM - Latest School Committee Meeting
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
9:00 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT Comcast Channel 95 Verizon Channel 40

Daily Schedule
9:00 AM - Latest School Committee Meeting
1:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
2:00 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
4:30 PM - Latest School Committee Meeting
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:30 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

EDUCATION CHANNEL Comcast Channel 18 Verizon Channel 37

Daily Schedule
7:00 AM - 2009 Bulldog TV Holiday Show
7:45 AM - ORRHHS 2009 Holiday Concert
8:30 AM - ORRHHS Holiday Talk Show - Group A
9:00 AM - ORRHHS - Jazz Combo Holiday 2009 Concert
10:10 AM - ORRHHS Holiday Talk Show - Group B
10:55 AM - 2009 Center School Holiday Play
11:30 AM - Bulldog TV 2009 Fall Show
12:30 PM - ORRHHS Freshman Basketball vs. Bishop Stang
1:30 PM - RMS - 2009 Holiday Concert
2:15 PM - ORRHHS Holiday Talk Show - Group A
5:00 PM - ORRHHS Volleyball vs. Apponequet HS
6:30 PM - ORRHHS Holiday Talk Show - Group B
7:30 PM - ORRHHS 2009 Holiday Concert
8:30 PM - RMS - 2009 Holiday Play
10:00 PM - ORRHHS Holiday Talk Show - Group A
10:30 PM - RMS - 2009 Holiday Concert

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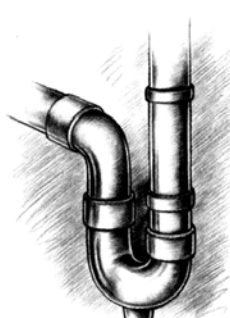
- **Decorate the Library's Winter Tree** – Children and their families are welcome to drop in and create winter decorations for the seasonal tree in the lower level. Come in and make snowflakes and decorate "sweaters" and "mittens" to hang. Real mittens, hats and scarves will also help serve as decorations and will then be donated to children in need of these warm and cozy items. If you cleaned off your shelves after the holiday and found games you no longer need, please bring them in and place them under the tree for later delivery to Gifts to Give.

- **Raffle Winner Announced** – Josiah Filsinger is the winner of the wonderful basket of treats, books, games and audiovisual items. All patrons who donated canned goods in the Children's Department during the month of December were invited to fill out a ticket for the free drawing. Food items were delivered to local food pantries by the Friends of the Library. Congratulations, Josiah! And thank you to all patrons who helped provide groceries to those in need this winter.

- **Storytimes for the New Year** – The next story time series will begin **January 12**. Registration began December 29 and spaces are filled on a first come basis. Please call the Children's Department for more details at 508-758-4171.

- **Chess Club** – Students age 5 and up are welcome to Wednesday nights Chess Club! Beginners and more advanced players gather at 6:30 pm to play and share strategies. Everyone is welcome. Please bring your chess set.

- **Junior Friends Offer Movie Days** – Everyone is welcome to free Movie Days, sponsored by the library's Junior Friends, who have raised money for a movie



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license. On Friday and Saturday, **January 15 and 16** at 2:00 pm, join the group to watch *Ice Age I* followed the next day by *Ice Age II*. Popcorn will be for sale and soft drinks will be provided. Take advantage of the day off from school to relax at the movies in the library's Meeting Room.

- **Lego Club** – Meetings of the Library's Lego Club will kick off in March on a Saturday afternoon! Until then, donations of Duplos and Legos are needed. Have a Lego table you no longer need? Lego fans who would like to display their creations are welcome to speak with Mrs. Burke in the Children's Department.

- **Young Adult Advisory Board** – An enthusiastic group of junior and high school students from various

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TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Above & Right: A 2009 Christmas morning swim benefitted Helping Hands and Hooves, a Mattapoissett non-profit organization dedicated to therapeutic horseback riding for adults with disabilities. 40 swimmers and at least 50 onlookers participated in the 2009 swim. All of the proceeds from the event went to Helping Hands and Hooves. Photos courtesy of Debbi Dyson.



Left: The Mooney family celebrated the Patriots making the playoffs by painting this logo in a snow bank in their yard on Crystal Springs Road in Mattapoissett.



Below & Right: Vocal coach Sharon Jensen and special guest Mark Mahar pose at the Voices in Time concert held on Sunday, December 27, 2009 at the Mattapoissett Knights of Columbus hall. Sharon Jensen has been teaching singing for over 18 years and Mr. Mahar is the founder and bandleader of Boston Swing. Photo by Felix Perez.



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schools are assisting the staff in developing the library's Young Adult program. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, **January 13** at 6:30 pm in the Meeting Room. The group will be brainstorming potential programs and other goals to help ensure the library adequately serves the community's youth. Any student, grade 7 and up, wishing to participate is welcome! Refreshments are served. Please contact Jan Bolton for more information at 508-758-4171.

• **MFPL Book Discussion Group** – The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library Book Discussion Group will be held Saturday, **January 9** at 2:00 pm. The title to be discussed is "E. B White" by Scott Elledge. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy the lively discussion of this interesting man of letters. Copies of the biography can be placed on hold through the SAILS catalog. Please ask the library staff if you need assistance reserving a copy.

• **Writers' Group** – The Mattapoisett Library Writers' Group meets every other Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Marine Room. The next meeting will be **January 19**. All genres are discussed in a supportive and cordial get-together. Everyone is welcome.

• **Author of BirdTalk Presentation** – Alan Powers, author of *BirdTalk* and a professor of English at Bristol Community College will present a program on the conversation with winter birds on Thursday, **January 28** at 7:00 pm. Mr. Powers will discuss his "listening, watching, and replying to birds" as detailed in his entertaining and informative book subtitled "Conversations with Birds." This program is co-sponsored with the library and the Nasketucket Bird Club. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

• **New Museum Pass** – The library will be offering passes to the Museum of Contemporary Art in Boston beginning in January, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. For more details check the library's website at mattapoisettlibrary.org and the website for the museum, icaboston.org. Wonderful exhibits, lectures and programs and gifts should more than make the trip worthwhile! Many museum passes are available through the library.

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Why not brighten those short days of winter with a museum trip? Visit the library or check the website to make reservations with your library card. Need help or have a question? Call the staff! 508-758-4171.

The library is located at 7 Barstow Street in Mattapoisett. For additional information you may phone the library at 508-758-4171.

Redmen's Dinner Dance

There will be a dinner dance at the Redman's Hall on Saturday, **January 23**. A roast beef dinner will be served at 7:00 pm, with dancing to follow from 8:00 to

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EDITOR'S PICK OF THE WEEK

Mattapoisett Museum Receives Mural

By Seth Mendell

The Mattapoisett Historical Society and Museum recently received the gift of a large mural painted by the artist Clifford Ashley. The mural, or "chart", was given by Mrs. Polly D. Phipps of 20 Water Street, Mattapoisett and is possibly the largest single work of the artist. Measuring 6 by 16 feet, the mural details the Southcoast from the Connecticut River to Cape Cod including the islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. Clifford Ashley painted the mural in 1919 for his good friend Gilbert Hinsdale and the work remained in the family home at 20 Water Street for 90 years.

The house on the Mattapoisett waterfront was built in 1901 for William and Sophia Means. They had two daughters, Martha, who married Gilbert Hinsdale of New York City and Mary, who married Horace F. Field. Polly Field Duff Phipps is the granddaughter of Horace and Mary Means Field. The mural was attached to the sloped ceiling of the study or sunroom on the harbor side of the building. Due to its location on the ceiling, the mural survived the 1938 hurricane even though the room was flooded with five feet of saltwater.

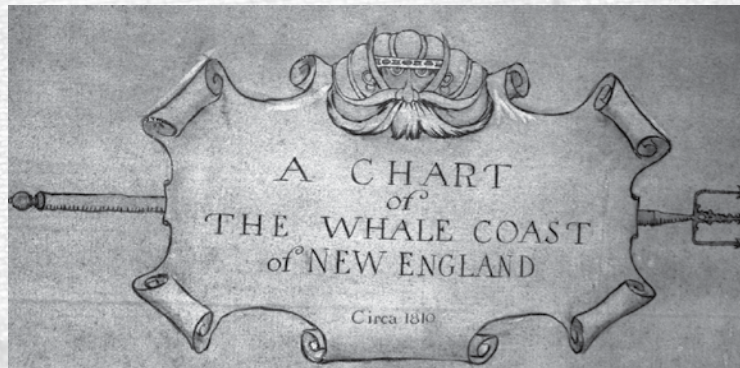
Removing the 6 by 16 foot mural, with its ridged backing, was difficult. However, with the expertise of Ben Rogers and Nate Bekemeier, along with staging and seven more men, the removal was accomplished. The mural is now laid flat on top of the pews in the museum at 5 Church Street and can be seen by appointment for the next several months before it is sent out for restoration.

Clifford Warren Ashley, a Southcoast artist, illustrator and author, is known for his many paintings detailing the whaling industry as well as local landscapes. Mr. Ashley was born in New Bedford in 1881 and died in 1947 in Westport, Massachusetts. His early life was spent on the New Bedford waterfront among the last of the whalers that had in earlier years been part of the city's world-wide whaling fleet.

In 1904, Mr. Ashley shipped out aboard the

bark *Sunbeam*, to experience life aboard a whaler firsthand. He witnessed the harpooning, "cutting-in" and "trying-out" of several sperm whales over a 6-week period. He was one of a very few artists of his time to combine this practical knowledge with the professional training of an artist. Following his time aboard the *Sunbeam*, he wrote an article for *Harper's Monthly* magazine entitled "The Blubber Hunters." In 1926, this article became the first two chapters in his book *The Yankee Whaler*, which is considered one of the more definitive treatments of 19th century whaling. Perhaps he is best known as an author for the *Ashley Book of Knots*, published shortly before his death in 1947. This volume contains descriptions and drawings of 3,854 knots and is accepted as the "bible" of knot-tying the world over.

During his lifetime, Mr. Ashley painted some 350 oil paintings of which the New Bedford Whaling Museum has a great number in its collection. The Mattapoisett Museum is indeed fortunate to now have "A Chart of the Whale Coast of New England,



circa 1810" painted by Clifford Ashley in 1919. Following its restoration and hanging, the mural will be one of the centerpieces of the museum's collection and will bring visitors from near and far to view this magnificent work of such a well-known local

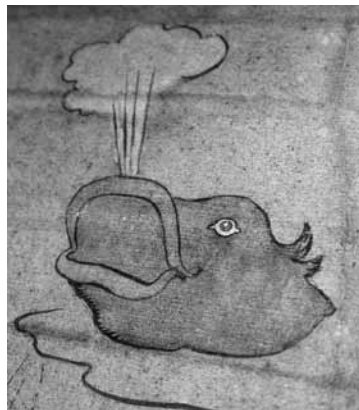
artist.

"I am pleased to be able to give this Clifford Ashley mural to the museum," Ms. Phipps said. "The mural should stay in Mattapoisett where it can be seen by everyone and I can see it as well."

The gift of this Clifford Ashley mural is certainly one of the more significant gifts the museum has received since its founding fifty years ago. The mural will heighten the museum's exposure and draw people in to view it.

To make an appointment to see the mural before it is sent for restoration, please call 508-758-2844 or 758-4458.

Close-ups of Mattapoisset Harbor shows the craftsmanship and detail artist Clifford Ashley used in his Southcoast mural. The mural will be displayed in the Mattapoisset Museum and Carraige House on Church Street until it is sent for restoration. Viewings are available by appointment by calling 508-758-2844. Photos by Anne O'Brien-Kakley.



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MOVIE REVIEW

Big Picture

By Rob Gonsalves
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Avatar. Starring Sam Worthington and Zoe Saldana. Directed by James Cameron. Running time: 161 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13.

James Cameron's *Avatar* is very old wine in a dazzling new bottle. It's almost completely hokey, but it's also a major work, a first-class piece of big mainstream filmmaking. Cameron's stories may be dusty, and his dialogue may be functional at best and embarrassing at worst, but almost no other contemporary directors have his intuitive understanding of structure and fable. Yes, *Avatar* is made up of stories that have been told again and again, but there are stories and then there are Stories — tales that survive over the centuries, charged by Joseph Campbell's power of myth.

Here we have Jake Sully (Sam Worthington), a disabled Marine chosen to walk among the alien natives of the moon Pandora. Jake's consciousness is inserted into an "avatar" combining the DNA of a native — a Na'vi — and his dead twin brother, who'd been studying the Na'vi for years. Jake has two agendas, science and profit: the former, personified by Sigourney Weaver as a hard-bitten scientist, wants Jake to negotiate peacefully with the Na'vi; the latter, led by hissable corporate drone Giovanni Ribisi and nail-tough colonel Stephen Lang, wants a high-energy mineral and doesn't mind killing the Na'vi to get it. Jake, of course, goes native and falls in love with the Na'vi life, not to mention with warrior princess Neytiri (Zoe Saldana).

Cameron uses this pulpy old stuff as a launching pad for peerless world-building; coming out of the hibernation of occasional deep-sea documentaries, Cameron beats George Lucas and Peter Jackson at their own game. This director has been away from feature films for twelve years, so I'd forgotten how effortlessly taut his filmmaking is (*Avatar* runs north of two and a half hours but flies by), how he approaches big, operatic emotions with a refreshing lack of irony, how he stages



action scenes with a mixture of tension and exhilaration. (Everyone else who's attempted large-scale megabudget spectacles in 2009 should take a look at *Avatar* and be shamed out of public appearances for a year.) For all his technological breakthroughs, Cameron's great talent is for opening the storybook and inviting us in.

I'll go ahead and say it: Late in the film, there is an extended battle scene between the Na'vi and the American military with all their concussive firepower, and I haven't seen anything as thrilling since I first started reviewing movies in 1986. Cameron captures war in all its exultation and horror. Sam Worthington is an amiable blank as the hero — he's pretty much the audience's avatar — but Zoe Saldana, who deserves a Best Supporting Actress nomination, puts across a galaxy of moods: joy, agony, rage, passion. If Cameron had done nothing else in *Avatar*, he put one more great heroine on the screen.

Avatar is being shown in a variety of formats: 2D, 3D, and IMAX 3D. I saw it in RealD 3D. I'm told the best way to experience it is in IMAX 3D. I'm also told it looks just as gorgeous, and is just as enveloping, in 2D. (Cameron knows what he's doing: there are many shots and even sequences that don't seem to use 3D much at all. He knows when to give your eyes a rest and when to punch up the 3D for maximum impact.) I've said before that the true test of a movie is whether it would draw you in even if it were playing on a 15-inch black-and-white TV screen. I know that I've happened across Cameron's *Titanic* a few times on television and have been kidnapped into it for longer than I should have been. *Avatar* will probably work the same way.

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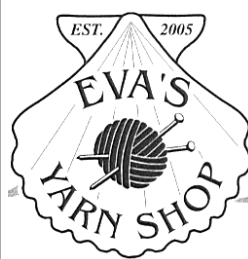
Elizabeth Taber Library

• **Winter Programs 2010** – Every day during the winter has Drop-In Crafts in the Children's Room at the Elizabeth Taber Library. Children of all ages are invited to enjoy the activities.

• **Tales for Twos** – An 8-week series of story times for children between the ages of 24 and 39 months runs through **February 24**. The half-hour of stories, finger plays and crafts will be offered on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am. Children must be two years old by January 1, 2010 to attend and must be accompanied by an enthusiastic adult companion. Pre-registration is required by calling or stopping by the library, or e-mailing Rosemary Grey at rgrey@sailsinc.org.

• **Story Time** – A story time for children between the ages of 3 and 5 runs through the week of **February 15**. Children are invited to enjoy stories, finger plays and crafts on Monday mornings at 10:30. Pre-registration is required.

• **Lap-Sit** – A program for babies from birth through 23 months and their caregivers, runs through



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February 23. Each Tuesday morning program begins at 10:30 and includes a 20-minute "story time" followed by 20 minutes of socializing. One child per lap, please.

The Elizabeth Taber Library is located at 8 Spring Street in Marion. The phone number is 508-748-1252. More program information can be found on the library's website at www.sailsinc.org/Marion.

Habitat For Cats Adoption Day

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Log highlights December 27-January 2

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- Sippican Ln – D.M.V.
- Wareham Rd – Burglar alarm
- South St – General service
- Point Rd – Animal complaint
- Point Rd – MVA/property
- Clark St – Suspicious activity
- Howland Rd – Animal complaint
- Mill St – Motor vehicle complaint
- Quelle Ln – Larceny/past
- Wareham Rd – MVA/property
- Wilson Rd – Fire alarm
- South St – Lockout
- Mill St – Animal complaint
- Allen St – Civil complaint
- Route 195 east – MVA/property
- West Ave – General service
- Water St – Larceny/past
- Holmes St – Motor vehicle complaint
- Moorings Rd – Burglar alarm
- Holly Ln – Paper service
- Spring St – Building check
- Converse Rd – General service
- Mill St – Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd – MVA/property
- Point Rd – Disturbance
- Wareham Rd – Disturbance
- Riverview Ln – Burglar alarm
- Wareham Rd – Disturbance
- Pine Hill Ln – Disturbance

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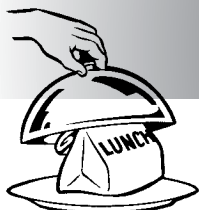
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- Hammond St – General service
- Water St – Harbormaster emergency
- Euclid Ave – General service
- Fairhaven Rd – Ambulance request
- Brandt Island Rd – General service
- Mendell Rd – Notification
- Angelica Ave – MV general
- Brandt Island Rd – Vandalism
- Church St – 911 call
- Oakland St – Ambulance request
- Rock St – Animal control
- Acorn Ln – Suspicious motor vehicle
- Tallman St – Domestic disturbance
- Acushnet Rd – Alarm, burglar
- Gosnold St – Assist citizen
- Crystal Spring Rd – General service
- Crook's Way – Health/welfare
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Threats
- North St – Notification
- Perkins Ln – Animal control
- Noyes Ave – Compliant
- Fairhaven Rd – 209A service
- Pine Island Rd – Health/welfare
- North St – Ambulance request
- Cove St – General service
- Collin's Way – Gunshots reported
- Industrial Dr – MV general
- Prospect Rd – Ambulance request
- 195 West – MV crash
- Randall Rd – Ambulance request

ROCHESTER

Log highlights December 26 – January 4

- North Ave – Assist other agency
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Paper service
- Walnut Plain Rd – Animal control
- North Ave – Traffic hazard
- Bennett Rd – Domestic disturbance
- Clifford Ln – Animal control
- North Ave – Disabled MV
- Thistle Ln – Alarm, burglar
- Marion Rd – Highway matter
- Cranberry Hwy – Paper service
- Rounseville Rd – Suspicious activity
- Marion Rd – Motor vehicle stop
- Featherbed Ln – Annoying phone calls
- Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
- Marion Rd – Erratic operation
- Hartley Rd – Animal control
- High St – Restraining order service
- Neck Rd – Burglar alarm
- Dexter Ln – Missing person
- Hiller Rd – Disabled MV
- Featherbed Ln – Health/welfare check
- Dexter Ln – Assist citizen
- Cranberry Hwy – Area check
- Neck Rd – Alarm, burglar
- Pine St – Suspicious person
- Alley Rd – Health/welfare
- County Rd – Motor vehicle stop
- Negus Way – Suspicious MV
- Cushman Rd – ATV complaint
- County Rd – Utilities



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Monday Jan 11: Homestyle beef patty, buttered noodles, chuck wagon corn, multi grain roll, strawberry cup, Diet: Graham waffle
 Tuesday Jan 12: Veggie lasagna w/ tomato sauce, tossed salad, snowflake roll, pudding Diet: pudding
 Wednesday Jan 13: Cream of onion soup, boneless chicken teriyaki, Asian rice, whole wheat roll, mandarin oranges
 Thursday Jan 14: HIGH SODIUM: Reduced sodium hot dog, veggie beans, spring blend veg, hot dog roll, apple
 Friday Jan 15: Pier 17 fish, red beans & rice, escalloped tomatoes, whole wheat bread, mixed fruit
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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday Jan 11: Milk Day: Chicken patty, French fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
 Tuesday Jan 12: Meatballs sub, baked Lays potato chips, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
 Wednesday Jan 13: Chicken nuggets, fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
 Thursday Jan 14: Pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
 Friday Jan 15: No school

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday Jan 11: Chicken tenders, French fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
 Tuesday Jan 12: Taco with all the fixings, rice, fruit, choice of milk
 Wednesday Jan 13: Spaghetti w/wo meat sauce, vegetable, bread stick, fruit, choice of milk
 Thursday Jan 14: Quesadillas, fries

or Pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
 Friday Jan 15: No school

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Monday Jan 11: Milk Day: Chicken patty, French fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
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OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday Jan 11: Early dismissal, no lunch
 Tuesday Jan 12: Assorted sandwiches, fries, applesauce
 Wednesday Jan 13: Turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans, mixed fruit
 Thursday Jan 14: Nachos with taco meat or chili, lettuce, salsa, cheese, peaches
 Friday Jan 15: Pizza, salad, apple slices

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42 Cartoon cry
45 Nitrous —
46 Save the whales . . .
51 Conductor Dorati
52 Maglie or Mineo
53 — the Sheriff ("74 hit)

- 54 Spiked the punch
58 Keanu of "Speed"
60 Forsaken
62 Erwin or Gilliam
63 Night noise
64 No-nonsense Athenian
65 Musical finale
67 Poem of praise
69 "My Favorite —" ('82 film)
70 He who laughs last . . .
75 Type of pear
79 Mine find
80 Act like a Crabbe
81 Sample the soufflé
85 Activist Medgar
87 Unwell
89 Italian rumbler
91 California town
93 Robert of "The Citadel"
94 Insomnia cure?
96 Tiriad of tennis
98 Tales
99 A penny saved is . . .
103 See 15 Across

- 105 Maestro de Waart
106 More appealing
107 It may be white
108 Grisham characters
110 — "Shame" ('70 song)
111 Excellent
114 Citrus cooler
115 Eventual oak
119 Returns from a trip
123 Sundial numeral
124 Honk if you . . .
129 "Cheers" prop
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131 — Spumante
132 Travis or Quaid
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134 "The — Trap" ('61 film)
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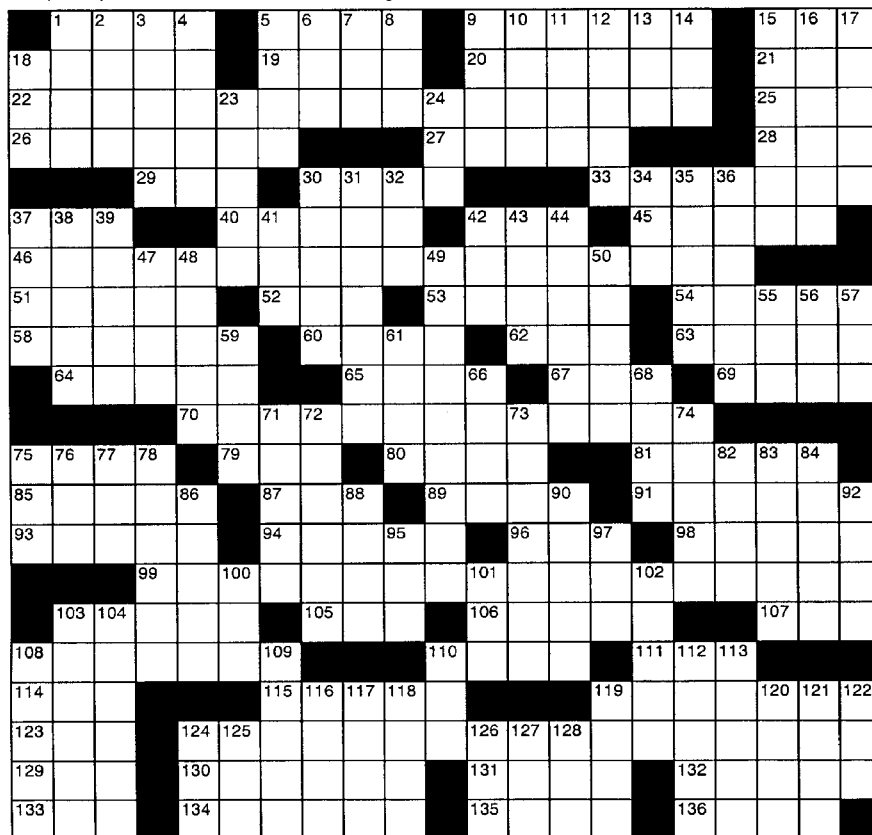
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10 Eaves dropper?
11 "Rule, Britannia" composer
12 "The — of a Clown" ('70 song)
13 PA hours
14 Buck's beloved
15 Put on
16 Deep gorge
17 Persona
18 Peter out
23 Montezuma, for one
24 "The Wind in the Willows" critter
30 Pansy part
31 Junk
32 Sault — Marie, MI
34 — Cob, CT
35 Jumps on the ice
36 Catalogue
37 Trauma aftermath
38 Sharpened a skill
39 Change
41 Certain line-men: abbr.
42 Surprised sounds

- 43 Reacts to fireworks
44 "Martha" composer
47 89 Across output
48 Vote in
49 Like some beaches
50 Practice piece
55 Runner Sebastian
56 Age
57 Augsburg article
59 Manhattan area
61 Writer McDonald
66 Disembarked
68 Punta del —
71 Coming from Cork
72 Nervous —
73 Literary collection
74 Roberts or Tucker
75 You can retire on it
76 "Ab —" (from the start)
77 DC figure
78 Nook's companion
82 Strike-breaker
83 Innsbruck's locale
84 Boredom
85 Tend the fire
88 Expect back

- 90 Major artery
92 Word form for "bone"
95 Conceit
97 Dundee denial
100 Pine product
101 UN Day month
102 Splendid
103 "Good Night —" (1853 song)
104 USNA anthem word
108 First dog in space
109 Relish
110 Claire or Balin
112 Alphabet sequence
113 Neighbor of Oahu
116 Surrender
117 Ready for business
118 Be still
119 Component
120 Pres. Bush, e.g.
121 Converse competitor
122 Pig's digs
124 Fold over
125 "Sat — tuffet . . ."
126 Machine part
127 Language suffix
128 Tackled a taco



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Events could inspire adventurous Lambs looking to make a major career or personal move. But as always, get all the facts before rushing into any sort of deal or commitment.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) What seems to be a great opportunity could cause even usually practical Taureans to ignore their inner caution cues. Best to move carefully to avoid falling into unseen traps.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Need a holiday now that the seasonal festivities are behind you? Good idea. Plan to go to someplace wonderful. You'll return refreshed and more than ready for a new challenge.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Progress continues to be made on that pesky workplace problem. Meanwhile, don't assume a personal situation will work itself out. Best to get more involved earlier than later.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Catnaps are definitely recommended for Leos and Leonas who had been going at a hectic pace over the holidays. Adding relaxation time to your schedule helps restore your overdrawn energy reserves.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Sure, some of the new friends you made over the holidays might move out of your life at some point. But at least one might show significant "staying power" with some encouragement.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Encourage family members to join you in supporting a relative who could be facing a difficult emotional challenge in the New Year. Showing your love and concern helps keep his or her hopes up.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) While a long-deferred decision suddenly might take on some urgency after news on a related matter, you still need to weigh all factors carefully before deciding one way or the other.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time to reassess the earlier plan you made for the New Year. Some elements you felt you could depend on to make it work might no longer carry that assurance.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Forming a renewed connection with a former associate is only the first step toward working out your new plans. Be prepared for problems, and deal with them as soon as they arise.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A romantic situation that was going smoothly not too long ago might take a new turn. Be honest about your feelings before you decide whether to follow it or take another path.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The wise Pisces (that's you, of course) will make sure everyone knows you plan to keep your options open and listen to all sides of the situation before making any decisions.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your honest approach to life and living is always an inspiration for others fortunate enough to know you.

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Spirit Medicine Workshop by Christa Johnson, MD, on Wednesday, **January 20** from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Autumn Glen, 239 Cross Road, North Dartmouth, Mass. Seating is limited, register by calling 508-992-8880.

A stress management program, Dr. Johnson will outline the impact of stress on every system of the body. Various meditation and relaxation techniques be discussed that can counteract this damage. Refreshments will be served from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. This program counts for two contact nursing and social work hours.

Wareham Garden Club

The regular meeting will be held Thursday, **January 14** at the Fellowship Hall, First Congregational Church on Gibbs Avenue, at 12:30 pm. Speaker Ashley Rooney will demonstrate how garden ornaments can enhance a garden.

The Wareham Garden Club encourages new membership. For more information please contact Margaret Welch at 508-757-5454 or Debbie Bush at 508-748-1262.

Senior Stretch and Exercise

The Senior Stretch and Exercise meets every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 9:30 to 10:30 am, at the First Congregational Church Fellowship Hall in Marion. The cost for the 10-week session is \$45 for three days a week. The first class is free, and you may join a session at anytime. Those who start the 4th or 5th week, pay \$32; those who start the 6 - 10th week pay \$25. Each class includes low-impact aerobics, weights and stretching appropriate for all fitness levels. The funding is provided by the Friends of the Marion Visiting Nurses.

The instructor is Karen Corcoran who is certified as a "Specialist in Fitness for Older Adults" and is CPR and AED certified. Karen designs a new program for each 10-week session combining cardiovascular, strength training, flexibility, and balance exercises. Contact Karen



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Cars are sold at auction and donors may take the amount sold as a tax reduction.

YMCA Wareham News

• **Gateway Running Club** – The Gateway Running Club encourages running at all levels. The GRC is well-suited for the recreational runner as well as the serious competitor. The club serves runners of all ages and abilities from the SouthCoast area. The GRC has "group runs" three days a week, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm and long runs Sunday mornings at 8:00 am. Organized training runs for spring and fall marathons are held as well. All runs start and end at the Gleason Family YMCA in Wareham. For more information about the GRC, e-mail: rayallaire@gmail.com.

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<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 4:45 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the variance request submitted by Charles L Rowley & Associates pertaining to the property located at 31 Ichabod Lane, further identified as Map 22A, Lot 16. The following variance is requested from State Environmental Code Title V: 310 CMR 15.212 - a variance is requested to allow the reduction in the separation to maximum high groundwater from 5 feet to 4 feet. Albin R. Johnson III, Chairman 12/24, 01/07</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 11, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by the Pico Beach Road Association, c/o Robert Saunders, Pico Beach Road. The applicant proposes to present a maintenance plan for a 650-linear foot drive section of Pico Beach Road within the buffer zone of several State defined resource areas. Conservation Commission 01/07</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICETOWN OF ROCHESTERCHIEF OF POLICE The Town of Rochester Police Department will be conducting Alcohol Compliance Checks throughout the year of all establishments holding liquor licenses. Paul H. Magee, Chief of Police 01/07, 01/14</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICETOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS #985 Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Scott A. Ashworth, 737 Snipatuit Road, (Assessors plan 47 lot 17A) who is seeking a variance under section VIII.C.2.d.2 to allow an accessory structure in the front yard area and a special permit under section VIII.C.2.a. to allow an accessory structure larger than the allowed 1,000 square feet. The public hearing will be conducted on Thursday, January 28, 2010, 7:30 p.m. at the Rochester Town Hall. Richard J. Manning, Jr., Chairman 01/07, 01/14</p> <hr/> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Notice of Intent submitted by A. NEIL PAPPALARDO to demolish the existing (main) dwelling at 90 Moorings Road, and construct a new dwelling with retaining walls and elevated patios in its place. The site is further identified as Lot 14 on Marion Assessors' Map 20. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Norman A. Hills, Chairman 01-07-2010</p> <hr/>	<p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following applications and petition: Application of Robert J. Ketchel of 18 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 18 Marion Road. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Sections 3.1.2.2 and 3.1.2.3 of the Zoning By-Laws to construct an addition that will not meet the required setbacks for this zoning district. The property is further described as Plat 5, Lot 2 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. #1162</p> <p>Application of Robert E. & Cathy A. Bowers of 9 Gosnold Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 9 Gosnold Street. The applicants are seeking a Special Permit under Sections 5.1.5.3.5.1 and 5.1.5.4.5.2 of the Zoning By-Laws to transfer an existing family related apartment into their name due to change of ownership as stated in Board of Appeals Decision #1067. The property is further described as Plat 16, Lot 246 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 6:15 P.M. #1163</p> <p>Petition of Carol Lareau of 44 Prospect Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 42 Main Street owned by Robert G. Moore & Kathleen A. Morgan. The petitioner is requesting a Variance under Sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.4.4 of the Zoning By-Laws to allow fewer parking spaces as required by the by-laws as well as smaller sized parking spaces in the operation of a bistro and catering business. The property is further described as Plat 10, Lot 66 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. #1164</p> <p>Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours. Jeffrey R. Chase, Chairperson Susan Akin Paul Milott Mary Anne Brogan Norman Lyonnais 01/07, 01/14</p> <hr/> <p>Sports Quiz Answers 1. George Foster had 52 for Cincinnati in 1977. 2. The Cansecos had 462; the Mays had 444. 3. Nine straight bowl games. 4. True. 5. Twice, for Chicago in 1991-92 and 1992-93. 6. It was 1936. 7. The U.S. and British Opens and the U.S. and British Amateurs.</p> <p>(c) 2009 King Features Synd., Inc.</p>	<p>SPORTS QUIZ By Chris Richcreek</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Only one player hit 50 or more home runs in a season during the decade of the '70s. Name him. 2. Which combination of brothers hit more combined major-league home runs: Jose and Ozzie Canseco or Carlos and Lee May? 3. Before winning the Hawaii Bowl in 2008, Notre Dame's football team held an NCAA record for the longest bowl losing streak. How many games was it? 4. True or false: Robert Horry, the leader in NBA postseason games played, reached the playoffs in all 16 of his NBA seasons. 5. How many times did Jeremy Roenick tally 50 or more goals for a season during his 20-year NHL career? 6. In which Olympic year did the U.S. men's basketball team win its first gold medal? 7. When Bobby Jones won golf's grand slam in 1930, what four events did he win?

the New Bedford Whaling National Park's living history interpreters of the 1850s, Ruth and Abby, on Thursday evening, **January 14**, from 4:00 – 5:00 pm at the park visitor center, at 33 William Street. Stories will include "John Tabor's Ride", a tall tale based on an 1846 book of whaling adventures.

Admission is free for this event, and people of all ages are welcome. For more information, call the visitor center at 508-996-4095.

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park was established by Congress in 1996 to help preserve and interpret America's nineteenth century whaling industry. The park, which encompasses a 13-block National Historic Landmark District, is the only National Park Service area addressing the history of the whaling industry and its influence on the economic, social, and environmental history of the United States. The National Park visitor center is located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. It is open seven days a week, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and offers information, exhibits, and a free orientation movie every hour on the hour from 10:00 to 3:00 pm. Admission is free.

Horizons for Homeless Children Seeks Volunteers

Did you know that one in every 50 children in the U.S. will go to sleep without a home this year? Horizons for Homeless Children is looking for energetic and enthusiastic volunteers to play with children living in family homeless shelters in Barnstable, Bristol, and Plymouth Counties. If you have an extra two hours a week and a desire to make a difference in the lives of some wonderful children, then we have the volunteer opportunity for you! A six-month commitment is required. Attendance at one of our training sessions is mandatory.

Horizons for Homeless Children is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing programs and

services for homeless children throughout Massachusetts. Horizons for Homeless Children's Southeast Region continues to recruit new volunteers to work with homeless children living in domestic violence and family homeless shelters in Barnstable, Bristol, and Plymouth Counties.

Cape Cod Half-Marathon

The 2010 Cape Cod Half-Marathon Trilogy Race Series kicks off on **February 28** at the Hyannis Half Marathon in Hyannis, Massachusetts. This is the second half-marathon in the series called "Great Hyannis".

The "Johnny Kelley Half Marathon" will also take place in Hyannis, Massachusetts on **May 28** during the Memorial Day weekend. The Half-Marathon honors the great marathoner, Johnny Kelley, who won the Boston Marathon twice.

The inaugural 2009 Cape Cod Half Marathon Trilogy Race Series was a huge success. Information on the 2010 series, including who raced all three marathons in 2009 and who won or placed in the top ten in 2009, can be found at www.baevents.com.

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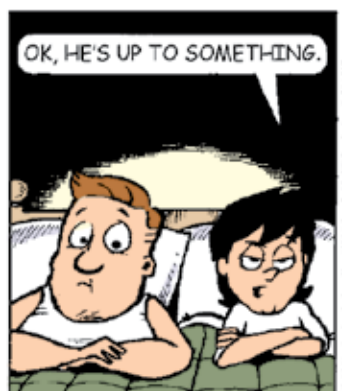
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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



begins its 2010 winter/spring season on Wednesday, **January 6**, with practice from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at the United Parish Church at 745 Wilson Road in Fall River. Open enrollment for new members will take place at the church from 7:00 to 7:30 pm on **January 6, 13, and 20**. No auditions are required and all voice types are welcome.

The Chorale will be rehearsing for its 2010 spring concert. Music will include Mozart's Missa Brevis K. 192, a Beatles medley, and choral highlights from *Jersey Boys*.

Southcoast Community Chorale was founded in 1997 and is based in Fall River. The group has members from 12 communities throughout the region. For more information, contact fwmozart@aol.com, call 508-678-9649 or 508-252-3975, or visit www.scccchorale.com.

Hospice Annual Spaghetti Supper

The 12th annual Community Nurse and Hospice Care's Spaghetti Supper will be held on Saturday, **January 30** from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier School at 223 Main Street in Acushnet. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 years old and may be purchased in advance or at the door.

Please join Community Nurse and Hospice Care for good food including spaghetti with sauce, bread and dipping sauce, salad, dessert and beverages! This fun evening out will also include a 50/50 raffle and a chance auction with over 25 prizes! All proceeds from this event will benefit the patients and families of the agency's Hospice Program.

Community Nurse and Hospice Care is dependent upon donations and fundraisers to support their hospice program. As you may imagine, terminal illness is challenging to both patients and their families. The agency is committed to not only providing medical care, comfort and dignity to hospice patients, but also to offsetting the financial burden that families may endure after health insurance reimbursements have been exhausted.

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Martin Luther King Jr. Service

Mayor Scott W. Lang issued a call to all New Bedford residents to serve alongside him on the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service on **January 18**.

"This is an opportunity for all New Bedford residents to join together in the spirit of Dr. King's legacy to help shape and transform our city through service," Mayor Lang said. "I call on all of our residents, and those from neighboring towns, to join me in rolling up our sleeves on this holiday to strengthen our community." Mayor Lang will volunteer his time at Gifts to Give in New Bedford on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service.

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Lunch will be provided for volunteers, and volunteers will also be treated to musical entertainment and performances by local groups. For more information, go to www.giftstogive.org/mlk.html or www.volunteernewbedford.org, or call the Office of Community Services at (508) 991-3136.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service is led by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The effort to make the King Holiday a “day on, not a day off,” focuses on engaging Americans in service to honor Dr. King’s legacy. More than 1.5 million volunteers served in 13,000 projects last year.

Gallery X

Call for art with the theme of “Sex at the X”. Submission fees are \$35 for 3 pieces or \$15 per piece. Drop off dates are **January 27 - 31**, 11:00 – 3:00 pm. The exhibit will take place from **February 3 – February 27**, with a reception on Saturday, **February 6**, from 7:00 – 10:00 pm.

- The **Audible Think** Improvised Music Series at Gallery X returns for the 2009/2010 season with performances on the third Wednesday of each month from February to May. The series presents improvised music, jazz, avant-garde, and original compositions by musicians from around the region and those on tour.

This series, directed by Andy McWain and presented by Gallery X, a local/ regional artist cooperative and gallery, is made possible, in part, with the support of a Whaling City Sound grant. A special thanks to Neal Weiss for his support.

This month’s Audible Think takes place on December 16 at 7:30 pm. \$5 suggested donation.

- **Lore Lounge** – Live soul, jazz and spoken-word is featured at Lore Lounge, which is an alcohol-free show with live jazz and soul, hosted by Phillip Aaron, Mwalim and The Bass Mint Bros with featured spoken-word artists, singers and open mic. This program meets

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The rules are simple: No more than two entries per person. Each entry must be an 8 x 10 photograph, un-framed and un-matted. Each entry should represent the theme of "Nature in Transition" and must be taken somewhere within Southeastern Massachusetts. Be sure to list your name, address, telephone number, email, where and when the photo was taken on the back of your photo. By submitting an entry, each entrant agrees to allow TEAMS to reserve the right to use any and all contest

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Entries must be submitted by **March 3**. You may mail your photograph to TEAMS, PO Box 898, Lakeville, MA 02347. Drop off locations will be available by January 4. If you are mailing your entry, we recommend you protect the photo(s). Photos will not be returned.

The winning photo will be displayed prominently at the Green Fair on Saturday, March 20 between 10 and 4:00 pm. If you have any questions about the contest, please email TEAMS at teams-info@hotmail.com or check out our website at www.teams-on-web.org.

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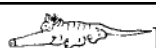
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**In the December 24 issue
the Aardvark was on page 40!**

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January 7:	Thurs.	12:53	1:15	6:54	6:54
January 8:	Fri.	1:51	2:14	8:37	8:03
January 9:	Sat.	2:52	3:16	9:47	9:04
January 10:	Sun.	3:56	4:19	10:42	9:55
January 11:	Mon.	4:55	5:15	11:26	10:37
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January 16:	Sat.	8:30	8:45	1:29	2:11
January 17:	Sun.	9:05	9:21	2:11	2:44
January 18:	Mon.	9:40	9:58	2:51	3:17
January 19:	Tues.	10:16	10:35	3:29	3:50
January 20:	Wed.	10:54	11:14	4:06	4:23
January 21:	Thurs.	11:35	11:56	4:46	4:59
January 22:	Fri.	...	12:21	5:31	5:42
January 23:	Sat.	12:43	1:13	6:31	6:36
January 24:	Sun.	1:37	2:11	7:53	7:41

Phases of the Moon	Last Quarter	January 7th
	New Moon	January 15th
	First Quarter	January 23rd
	Full Moon	January 30th

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